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COMMENT OF THE DAY

France, The UN And Algeria

NO subject today promotes more emotionalism than the so-called "liberation of enslaved colonial territories" and no subject offers such splendid ammunition for the propaganda guns of the Communists and national extremists. Both it can be expected will be exploited to the full during the UN debate on Algeria now started.

Algeria is a particularly palatable subject for the rabid anti-colonialists and the tentacious propagandists because it is so easy for them to cloud and distort fundamental issues; to ignore important distinctions. France, they argue, has given independence to Tunisia and Morocco, where no valid reasons exist for withholding it from Algeria.

Forgotten, or disclaimed, is the fact that while Tunisia and Morocco were French protectorates by treaty and as such were part of the French colonial empire, Algeria was from the first absorbed and became part of metropolitan France. This is the key to France's refusal to recognise the right of the United Nations to interfere in the task of resolving the problem of Algeria.

JUSTIFICATION for the French attitude is not easy to deny, more especially as enlightened efforts have been made to give the people of the North African territory more political and social equality and economic stability. There is much truth in the French complaint that these endeavours have been frustrated on the one hand by the struggle for power between the Algerian Nationalist Movement, the Algerian Liberation Front and the Algerian Communist Party, and on the other by hostile Arab propaganda.

But another factor—and it is an important one—is the barrier of religion. The rising tide of Islamic consciousness, while international in one sense is strongly national in another. And although there are many Muslim Algerians who appreciate the existing relationship with France and do not wish to see it too radically changed, there is a considerable element which will not be reconciled to accepting absorption. They are not prepared to listen to anything less than complete independence.

FRANCE'S dilemma is an appreciable one. Her offers of a national settlement, based on full social equality, a stronger voice in the political affairs of the territory, and an improved and more efficient administration, while acceptable to many Algerians, are shouted down by the extremists and rendered impracticable by implementation by acts of rebellion and terrorism.

In its deliberations on the Algerian problem, the United Nations political committee will need to examine carefully all the factors before it reaches any decision to recommend interference by the world organisation. Moreover, the UN must search its own ability to accomplish what France has so far failed to do—restore peace to the territory.

Political and polemical exploitation of the situation by the Communist bloc and the self-interested Arab states is inevitable during the United Nations debate, but this will not be sufficient to justify UN intervention. France is entitled to obtain from the United Nations sanction to pursue the task of settling the Algerian problem.

BRITAIN GETTING FIRST ROCKET REGIMENT

From HUGH PONDS
London, Feb. 5.
Britain's first "Rocket Regiment" is being formed. It will be armed with American-made "Corporal" ground-to-ground missiles. American instructors are ready to begin training it.

The unit—the 47th Guided Weapons Regt (Field) Royal Artillery—should be up to strength next month. It is being based in Hampshire. It will be armed with ten rockets, ten launchers, and be serviced and fired by about 530 men.

But—there's not one complete rocket in Britain yet. Most parts for several missiles have been delivered but some vital pieces of mechanism are still awaited. Defence Minister Duncan Sandys asked the American Defence Secretary

about this on his visit to Washington. He was promised a speed-up in the delivery of 100 "Corporals" on order. More "Corporal" Regiments are planned. Chapman Pincher writes that British scientists

will supply ideas for new weapons while American engineers design and mass produce them. That is the main point of the economy proposals which Mr Sandys put to the Prime Minister in their private talk on Monday.

It means there will be no big cuts in the government's guided missile research stations. The cuts will fall mainly on industrial firms which have been developing anti-aircraft missiles at an annual cost of up to £6 million a project.—London Express Service.

SANDYS REPORTS TO PM

Agreement In Washington Talks

'BIG 3 TO MEET BEFORE EASTER'

From DEREK MARKS

London, Feb. 5.

The British Cabinet will discuss the proposed defence cuts and planned tie-up with Europe today.

Mr Duncan Sandys, the Defence Minister, yesterday gave the Prime Minister a private account of his talks in Washington.

It is clear the Government's policies are acceptable to the United States administration. This has resulted in these main heads of agreement being reached:

HK MAN'S APPEAL FAILS

Without calling on counsel for the Crown, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today refused a petition for special leave to appeal brought by Wong Kwan-fat, 27, who was sentenced to death in the Hong Kong Supreme Court last October for the murder of a 24-year-old woman named Sit Kwai-yung.

His appeal in Hong Kong was dismissed in November. Mr Mervyn Griffith Jones, for Wong, said that he was alleged to have stabbed the woman, with whom he had lived for a time, in a market place on June 28, 1956. The accused's own evidence was that he loved the woman and that evening they had been to a restaurant where he had drunk the major part of two large bottles of beer.

This made him drunk and he knew little more of what happened.

Counsel complained that the trial judge misdirected the jury as to the onus of proof required in respect of the accused's defence of drunkenness.—Reuter.

Europe's 'Six' Make Big Progress

Brussels, Feb. 4.

The six Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg today made big progress towards completion of the common market and atom energy pool treaties they have been negotiating for over a year.

The Chairman of the Conference, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, announced confidently tonight: "We expect to sign the treaties by March 10, probably in Rome." Two of the three major outstanding problems were settled today, except for details.

These were the treatment to be reserved for the agricultural industry of each country in the common market and the level and conditions of the common tariff they would adopt towards nations outside the common market.

NEXT MEETING

The still unresolved problem is that of the association with the common market of the French and Belgian territories in Africa.

This will be dealt with at the next meeting of the six Foreign Ministers to be held in Paris on February 17. Two days later there is to be a meeting of the Premiers of the six nations whose task it will be to iron out any remaining points of disagreement.

Herr Heinrich von Brentano, due to return to Bonn by train tonight, said: "We have made excellent progress and my Government is determined to do its utmost to find a satisfactory solution for all concerned as regards the association between Africa and Europe."—Reuter.

BAG SNATCHER CAUGHT AFTER -EXCITING NATHAN ROAD CHASE-

Capt. J. C. H. Sabine of the Green Howards captured a thief yesterday after an exciting 20-minute chase down Nathan Road, and Kimberley Road, up the staircase of two flats and a tumble down stairs. The victim of the theft was an American visitor, Miss Margaret Grade, who had in her handbag \$350 and a plane ticket to the USA as well as her passport and other papers.

Near the Princess Theatre in the late afternoon, a Chinese grabbed her handbag and made off with it. Capt. Sabine who was walking nearby with his wife, gave chase. The man darted into a side street and ran up a flight of stairs to deposit his loot. Just as he was leaving, Capt. Sabine caught up with him and the two had a tumble at the top of the stairs.

Govt Turns Down Move On Embargo

London, Feb. 4.

The British Government turned down a proposal in the House of Commons today that it should try to secure the rescinding of the United Nations Assembly's resolution of May 18, 1951, restricting the export of certain goods to China.

Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour, in urging this, said the resolution was passed "to meet aggression in Korea." Mr Ian Harvey, Foreign Under-Secretary, replied: "The Government do not consider the present to be an appropriate time for taking steps to secure the rescinding of the resolution."—Reuter.

The Duke's ADC Quits

London, Feb. 4.

The Duke of Edinburgh's aide-de-camp, 35-year-old Michael Parker, has resigned from his post, it was announced tonight.

Parker obtained a legal separation from his wife a few days after his wife complained of her husband's frequent absences from home. Parker, who is at present aboard the Royal yacht, Britannia, has accompanied the Duke of Edinburgh to his home in the Queen Elizabeth II in all his Royal tours since 1952. An Australian by birth, Parker served during the last war in the Australian Navy, transferring to the Royal Navy in 1948 and serving alongside the Duke of Edinburgh.—France-Press.

'Mystery Man' Is Still A Mystery

Moscow, Feb. 4.

First Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich completed a two-week tour of Siberia yesterday and returned to Moscow, it was learned today. He left Moscow on Jan. 21.

A published report in New York said yesterday that Kaganovich was near death after an assassination attempt. There was considerable speculation about the identity of the man, who was treated by a West German specialist on blood ailments.—United Press.

Shepherds Shoot

Damascus, Syria, Feb. 4. Arab and Israeli shepherds exchanged fire in the demilitarised zone yesterday, a Syrian military spokesman said.—United Press.

'HK REBUFF PUTS BRITAIN IN A SPOT'

London, Feb. 4.

The French News Agency correspondent in Manchester said today it was almost certain the initiative for the recent talks between the British Cotton Industry Mission and Hongkong and Indian industrialists came from the British Government.

The correspondent said it was known the British Government had hoped it would be possible to avoid putting special controls or tariffs on cheap Commonwealth textile imports. He quoted informed sources as saying that attempts by the cotton mission to induce Hongkong and India to impose voluntary restrictions of exports of cotton goods did not appear to have been successful.

"If this is so there is reason to believe the British Government will be placed in a difficult position", the correspondent added.

NATURAL HESITANCY

There was also reason to believe that apart from the natural hesitancy of India and Hongkong, the British project for association with a free trade zone in Europe, which was announced after the decision to send the cotton mission, complicated matters still further.

The cotton mission is to issue an official report shortly. The Manchester Guardian said today reports from Hongkong said that representatives of the textile industry there had refused to undertake a restriction of their exports of made-up goods to Britain on the line suggested by the cotton mission.

It added, "Both India and Hongkong may consider that if they curtailed their exports to the British market some other overseas supplier would secure the business and thus leave Lancashire no better off than before."—France-Press.

Killed In Clash

Colombo, Feb. 4.

One person was killed and four others seriously injured in an Independence Day clash in Trincomalee in the eastern province today, according to reports reaching here tonight.—Reuter.

UN Talks

New York, Feb. 4. Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, conferred for two and a quarter hours tonight with Mr Abba Eban, Israeli permanent delegate, about Israeli withdrawal from Egypt and other matters.—Reuter.

STRATTON TO BE VICE C.I.G.S.

New C.B.F. Appointed

A new appointment for His Excellency Lt-General W. H. Stratton, Commander, British Forces, has been announced. In September this year he will become Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the War Office.

General Stratton is expected to leave the Colony in June or early July and will be relieved by Major-General E. M. Bostyan, C.B. (late Infantry) who will be Commander British Forces with the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Major-General Bostyan, 53, was formerly vice Adjutant General at the War Office. General Stratton was educated at Dulwich College and commissioned into the Royal Engineers on January 30, 1924. In August 1941, he was promoted temporary Brigadier.

8TH ARMY

In March 1944 he joined 8th Army and from September to June 1945 commanded 100 Infantry Brigade of 58 Infantry Division. On June 30, 1945 he was promoted Major-General when the appointment of Chief of Staff British Troops, Australia. He was appointed Commander of the British Army Staff and Military Member of the British Joint Services Mission to Washington early in January 1952.

Before taking up his appointment in Hongkong he was General Officer Commanding 42 (Lancs) Infantry Division (TA) and North West District.

WITH MOUNTBATTEN

General Bostyan was commissioned in 1923. From Captain in 1935 he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1941 and acting Major-General in 1944. He served in Palestine in 1938-39 and in Africa, Italy and the South-East Asia Command in World War II.

Among his previous appointments were Major-General in charge of administration of allied land forces, Southeast Asia. He held a similar post with the British Army of the Rhine and the 104th-50 he was Chief of Staff, Eastern Command.

SINGAPORE CHANGE

Singapore, Feb. 4. Major-General R. G. Collingwood will take over as General Officer Commanding Singapore Base District next month from Major-General D. D. C. Tulloch. It was officially announced today. General Collingwood is at present military adviser to the Wolfenden Committee, which examines employment of national servicemen in Britain.

General Tulloch, who was born in Hongkong, has been Commander of the Singapore Base District since April, 1954.—France-Press.

NEW NATO CHIEF

Oslo, Feb. 4. Vice Admiral Arthur Reid Podd, Royal Navy, has been appointed Nato Commander of naval forces in Northern Europe, the Defence Ministry announced today. He will succeed Vice-Admiral Gerald Vaughan Gladstone, R.N., who will be leaving the Nato headquarters in Oslo in June.—Reuter.

Crown Prince In US

Washington, Feb. 4. Crown Prince Abdul Ilah of Iraq arrived today for talks with American leaders and said he plans to meet with King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

He will confer on the President's Middle East doctrine. A Damascus cable says the Arab States will meet to decide on a concerted attitude to President Eisenhower's Middle East policy. If the Saudis approve the policy without amendment, according to the Syrian Prime Minister, Mr Salim al Sami.—United Press & Reuter.

Giant TV Tower Collapses

Four Men Killed

Nashville, Feb. 4. The new 1,200-foot tower of a local television station "collapsed like an accordion" today, hurling four workers to death in the crushing wreckage.

An hour after the accident, the bodies of the four men were recovered. "I heard a splintering noise," said Lee Ramsey, who lives a few blocks from the scene. "I looked out and the tower started coming down, breaking into other pieces as it came down." He estimated that it took about ten seconds for the total collapse.

700 FT. FALL

Thousands of spectators headed for the site of the accident, clogging rush-hour traffic. Witnesses said the four men were more than two-thirds of the way up the tower when it fell, dropping them about 700 feet. The tower had not yet gone into use. The station was using another, smaller tower until the new structure was completed.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

AIR DRAMA

One of the two engines of a DC-3 Air Lines plane caught fire shortly after the aircraft had left Hongkong for Vietnam at 10.31 this morning.

The pilot succeeded in putting out the flames with an extinguisher attached to the engine and then returned with six passengers aboard to Hongkong.

In a very low ceiling of 200 feet, and with one engine functioning, the pilot made a fine and safe landing.

Baby Dies After Rat Attack

Paris, Feb. 4. A six-month-old baby girl who was attacked while asleep by a giant rat has died in hospital after a nine-day fight by doctors to save her life. The rat attacked the baby, Elise Brunescu, and then turned on her three-year-old sister Chantal who is still in hospital. Police said their war veteran father had tried repeatedly to find alternative accommodation to the one room slum where he lives with his wife and their four daughters.—China Mail Special.

Safe Safe

Kiang, Feb. 4. Police reported today that thieves apparently worked till dawn trying to crack a safe containing \$123,000 in an amusement park office here. They failed—and left with \$3 from an office drawer.—Reuter.

Two Ships Abandoned Off Nova Scotia

Halifax, Feb. 4. Two vessels—one, a coastal vessel which struck an iceberg and the other, a tanker loaded with oil on fire—were abandoned off Nova Scotia today.

The tanker, the Maid of Lo Hare, reported it was on fire off Cape Sable Light, Nova Scotia, and its crew had been ordered to shore a half mile away.

A small French coastal vessel, the 302-ton Petit Bras Dor, struck an iceberg while en route to the island of St. Pierre off the Newfoundland Coast from Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The vessel tried to make for Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, after the collision, but began to sink and its 10-man crew had to take to lifeboats.—United Press.



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Britain Overcommitted

To Try British Gaoi



George Matthews, 30, known as "the convict no prison can hold", arrived at Plymouth last week after being sent to Britain by Bermuda authorities to complete a 10-year sentence imposed in 1949. He escaped five times from a goal in Hamilton, Bermuda, and three times from a New York goal. —Express Photo.

Evaluation Of Korea As An Outpost

New York, Feb. 4. Gen. Douglas MacArthur asserted today in a letter published in the New York Times that he had always regarded Korea as "an invaluable military outpost which I would defend at all costs if given any authority in the matter."

The General's letter replied to one from John Carter Vincent, formerly with the US State Department, which was published on January 30 in the Times.

Vincent had alleged that MacArthur, in a news conference in Tokyo in 1948, made a statement similar in nature and effect to the subsequent statement of the Secretary of State Dean Acheson, denying and denigrating Far East defense areas without any reference to Korea.

Fallacious

"This comparison is completely fallacious and its implications and conclusions drawn therefrom are entirely unwarranted," MacArthur wrote. "My answer merely defined the limiting defense line in the Far East as this line was prescribed by a directive from Washington and was unchangeable by me."

There has long been speculation that the Acheson statement may have influenced the invasion from North Korea, but MacArthur said that "only enemy records would reveal this. The statement did, however, arouse the gravest concern throughout the friendly areas of the Far East and was believed there to have added jeopardy to the Korean situation." —United Press.

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UNABLE TO HELP

UNITED NATIONS

ORGANISATION

New York, Feb. 4.

Britain has more overseas commitments than she can really afford, Sir Alec Randall, told the Economic Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today.

Sir Alec was explaining why Britain, together with the United States, insisted that they could not join in a projected 250 million dollars special United Nations fund for development of under-developed countries (SUNFED) until money became available from an internationally supervised disarmament programme.

"The fact is that United Kingdom economy is, and has been, stretched to the limit for

many years, the British delegate said. "We have more overseas commitments than we can really afford, a good part of them for economic development."

No Repudiation

"These commitments were willingly undertaken and we do not complain about them. But they are commitments, and honorable commitments, and we shall certainly not repudiate them."

"In order to fulfil them the United Kingdom is taxed at a higher rate than the citizen of any other country in the world. It, therefore, any savings can be achieved in the general expenditure of the Government, and I include in this any moderate reduction in defence expenditure, then the United Kingdom Government must feel obliged to use those savings in one of two ways—either to increase expenditure on existing programmes, which are desperately in need of more funds, or to alleviate the crushing burden on the individual taxpayer."

Britain was "just not in an economic position to undertake the continuing responsibilities of the size implied in SUNFED," Sir Alec said.

It could expect substantial additional capital to become available only through international disarmament.

Risk Stability

"Unless we maintain this attitude, we shall risk our economic stability. Our capacity to export capital, which would not only be an action of international irresponsibility, but do enormous damage to the cause of development everywhere," he declared. —China Mail Special.

Alleged Spies Hanged In Czechoslovakia

Prague, Feb. 4.

Two Czechs, accused of spying for the British Intelligence Service, were hanged in Pankrac Central Prison, Prague, today.

An official statement announced the execution of the two "spies."

Josef Potocki, former director of an insurance company, and Václav Kovacek, former technical translator for a construction firm.

The trial, on charges of "high treason and espionage," closed on January 10.

It was the first time for nearly two years that the death sentence had been pronounced by a Czech court. —France Press.

RUSSO-FINN TRADE RESULTS

Helsinki, Feb. 4.

Very positive results for Finland were achieved during discussions of Russo-Finnish economic questions during the Moscow visit of Finnish Prime Minister, Mr. Eino Kivimäki.

Mr. Kivimäki, Mr. Leo Tuominen, permanent secretary said at a press conference here today.

According to the new agreement, advance payments for Finnish deliveries to Russia of ships, machinery and construction will, as from January 1, 1958, be paid into a clearing account instead of an advance account as previously. Balances in the advance account would also be gradually transferred to the clearing account so that the former would cease to exist at the end of 1958. —Reuter.

Anglo-Jordanian Friendship Will Enter New Era

Amman, Feb. 4.

Jordanian and British delegates met here for the first time today for talks on the ending of the Anglo-Jordanian treaty.

Mr. Sulaiman, Nabulsi, Jordanian Prime Minister, said his government looked upon the termination of the treaty as an historical step which would open up a new era of friendship between the two countries without need for treaties or alliances.

He described the treaty as impractical under present circumstances.

In reply, Mr. Charles Johnston, British Ambassador in Amman, said he agreed the treaty no longer corresponded to the needs of both countries.

No one should forget that Britain and Jordan were old friends, he added.

The talks on the termination of the treaty could start now but the withdrawal of troops and material would take a longer time.

The British delegation would seek the aid of the Jordanian Government in removing any obstacles which might occur during the negotiations, he said. —Reuter.

Eire Elections In March

Dublin, Feb. 4.

The Irish Republic is to have a general election on March 5, it was announced here tonight.

The coalition government, under Mr. John Costello, gave notice that the Dail (parliament) would be dissolved on February 12 and would meet again on March 20 after the poll. —China Mail Special.

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INCREASED RUSSIAN MILITARY BUDGET EXPECTED

Moscow, Feb. 4. Observers today predicted an increase in military expenditure in the 1957 budget to be submitted to the Supreme Soviet (parliament), which meets here tomorrow.

The 1956 budget allocated more than 102,000 million roubles (some US\$20,000 million at the nominal rate of exchange).

(The Soviet Union does not include the cost of its nuclear and guided missile programmes in the budget).

Despite reports in Western newspapers that a sensational reshuffle of top echelon Soviet government jobs might be in the wind, tomorrow's session was expected to be strictly routine.

Industrial Plan

Premier Nikolai Bulganin disclosed recently that the Supreme Soviet would take up the subjects of the 1957 budget and the 1957 industrial plan.

Discussion of the budget is the customary reason for calling the Supreme Soviet early in the year. But Western experts said discussion of an industrial plan by the Parliament was unprecedented.

The Supreme Soviet usually discussed the Five-Year Plan, skimming over details of the yearly plans. However, experts pointed out that the current Five-Year Plan is being revised on the instructions of the Communist Party Central Committee. The Committee decreed last year that industrial goals be reduced to more realistic levels.

Mikhail Pervukhin, top planning expert, was assigned the task of revising the plan only a month ago. Sources said only part of it would be ready to submit to the Supreme Soviet at its opening session tomorrow.

Past Experience

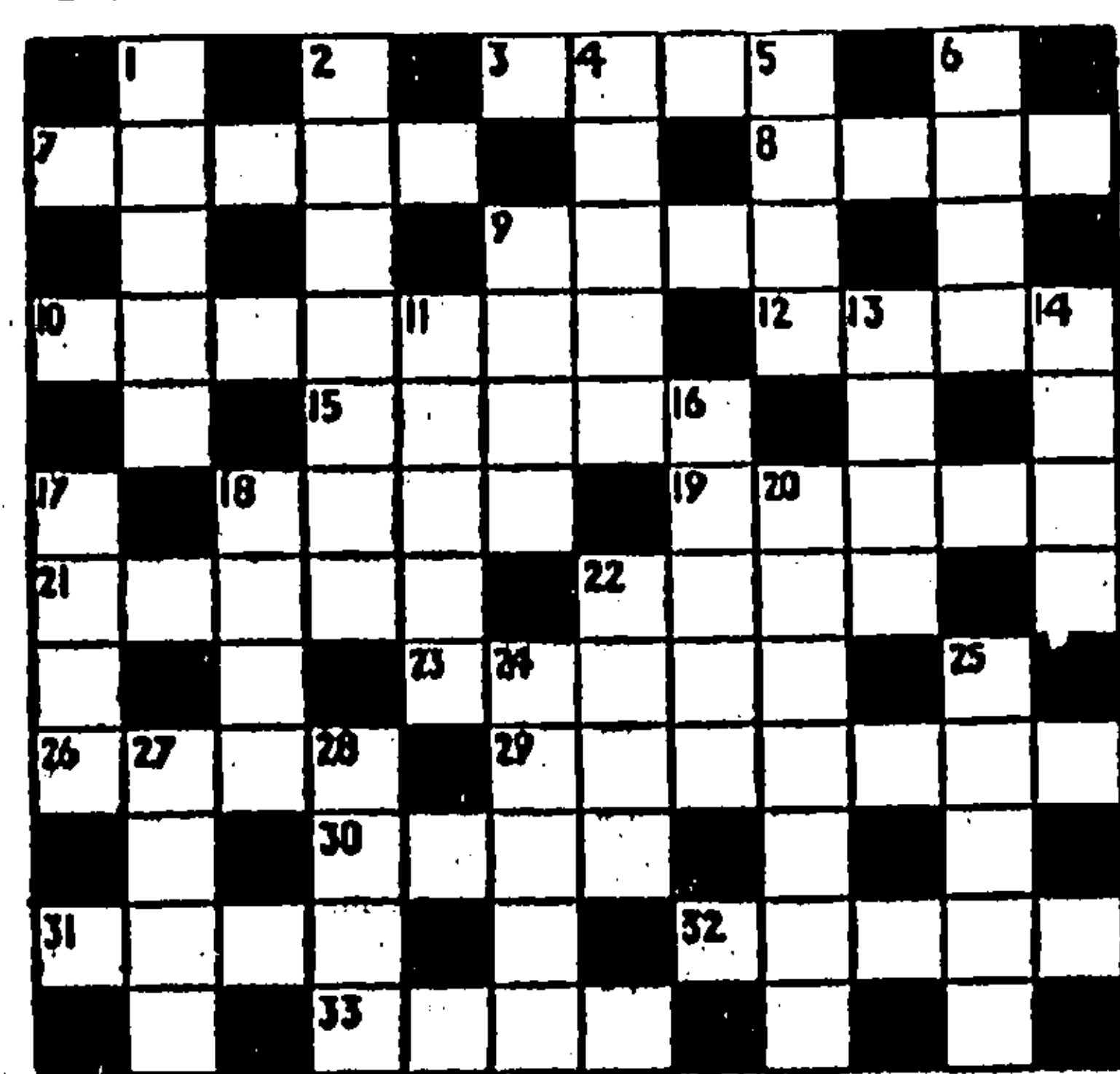
The new budget, if past experience is any criterion, will show a slight increase over 1956. The principal boost may be in expenditure for bolstering the national economy and in social and cultural appropriations.

The present Supreme Soviet was elected in March 1954 for a four-year term. It is made up of two Chambers—the Council of the Union, with 700 members, and the Chamber of Nationalities, with 350 members.—United Press.

Singapore, Feb. 4. The Singapore Governor, Sir Robert Black, and members of the Colony's Consular Corps today attended a reception by the Ceylonese community to mark Ceylon independence day.

Earlier special thanks giving prayers were offered in Singapore Hindu and Buddhist temples.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Prepare for press (4).
 - Vagrant (5).
 - Encourage (4).
 - Participle (4).
 - Happy (7).
 - Goose astray (4).
 - Distant (5).
 - Stupor (5).
 - Notions (5).
 - Kept on the right lines? (6).
 - Farther (4).
 - Keen (5).
 - Close to (4).
 - Gets back at a price (7).
 - Sugar-coated (4).
 - Look closely (4).
 - Tempest (5).
 - Defunct (4).
- DOWN**
- Fire-raising (5).
 - App (7).
 - Same again (5).
 - Domesticated (4).
 - Expensive (4).
 - Before long (4).
 - Dodge (5).
 - Regretted (4).
 - Girdle (4).
 - Shot into the unemployed? (6).
 - Island (4).
 - Hit hard (4).
 - Guides (7).
 - Grew old (4).
 - Scene of conduct (5).
 - Chic (5).
 - Linear measure (4).
 - Female deer (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Spread, 7 Pass, 9 Tiar, 10 Plump, 11 Lush, 13 Entrances, 15 Neat, 16 Blue, 19 Disappears, 22 Rods, 24 Deter, 25 Irons, 26 Mop, 27 Drudge, 28 Down, 31 Plant, 32 Evade, 34 Deputy, 35 Opulence, 36 Asps, 38 Amuse, 42 Hales, 43 Embur, 44 Resisted, 47 Acker, 48 Rector, 50 Prize, 51 Avoid, 52 Eden.

JAPAN TO EXPAND CHINA TRADE

Tokyo, Feb. 4. Japan's top economic planner declared today that the country will "rationally and steadily" step up her trade with China.

Kolehi Uda, director of the economic planning agency, did not elaborate on how Japan proposed to expand her trade with the mainland.

He said, "with regard to Sino-Japanese trade, we would like to promote it rationally and steadily while trying to maintain a balance of exports and imports."

Uda touched on the controversial China trade in an economic policy speech before the National legislature. The State Minister, while admitting Japanese exports to foreign markets have expanded considerably in the past few years, warned that Japan must increase still further her competitive strength in world trade.

18% INCREASE

Uda said Japanese exports during 1956 totalled \$2,480,000,000 or an increase of more than 18 per cent over the previous year. He estimated exports this year will total \$2,800,000,000.

Giving the Government's economic outlook for fiscal 1957, Uda said total national income is expected to go up to \$200,000,000,000 (about US\$22,800,000,000), or a rise of seven and one-half per cent over fiscal 1956.—United Press.

Reds Asked To Release Migrants

Canberra, Feb. 4. Communist countries have been asked to facilitate the migration to Australia of nearly 800 people who want to settle with relatives here.

The Australian Government has sent requests to the Soviet Union, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, it was announced today.

Hungary has been asked to grant exit permits to 254 persons. The response has been better than from any other of the Communist countries. Some of the migrants have already arrived in Australia.

AMONG REFUGEES

Some of those whose names were submitted to Hungary are among refugees who escaped into Austria after the recent revolt.

Russia has received the names of 153 persons but so far only one of these has arrived.

Satisfactory results have been obtained from Poland. A first contingent is expected to arrive soon.

Czechoslovakia and Rumania have been asked to allow the migration of 83 and 40 persons respectively.—China Mail Special.

Fewer French Films Banned

Paris, Feb. 4. Either French censors are becoming more tolerant or films less daring, official statistics released today indicated.

Only two films were banned in 1956 for being "contrary to good morality" or "apt to disturb public order." In previous years, between seven and 14 films had been banned.

Other statistics showed that despite the hundreds of television, the French still like to attend the cinema. Last year, the average Frenchman went to the films 10 times. The number of spectators was 82 per cent higher than in 1955.

France produced 120 long films last year, 30 of them in co-production with other countries.

French films took in 48 per cent of the receipts in 1956. American films were second most popular with 34 per cent, a drop of 10 per cent since 1955. British films, with four per cent of the French market, remained stable.—France-Press.

Thames Mine Exploded After 12 Years



A giant German land mine, which had lain for 12 years under the Thames River by London's West India Dock, was rendered safe last week by frogmen, and exploded the following day. The mine, which contained about 1,500lb of explosive, was discovered embedded in the mud at low tide. Picture top shows Lieutenant Commander G. Gutteridge, who led the frogmen team, seated astride the mine as it is taken away to be exploded; picture bottom shows the scene at West India Dock as a tug tows the Norwegian vessel Bencom out of the danger zone while operations go on to "deadend" the mine.—Express Photo.

CONGRESSIONAL DEMAND

Investigation Into 'Voluntary' Quota Restrictions

A move developed in Congress today to investigate negotiations which led up to the "voluntary" quotas Japan has decided to impose on its textile exports to the United States.

Mr Henderson Lanham, a Democrat from the textile-producing state of Georgia, introduced a resolution demanding a congressional inquiry as to "whether and to what extent the authority of the Congress to regulate the foreign commerce of the United States has been usurped, disregarded or misused by the executive branch of this government."

Several Congressmen from such scattered states as Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and North and South Carolina supported the move. There was no marked opposition.

But political circles did not expect early action on the Lanham resolution. Even members of the Congressmen's staff acknowledged that it might be "months" before any decision was taken.

Undercurrent

Observers said that the demand reflected an undercurrent of dissatisfaction in the textile industry—which has officially welcomed the Japanese quota system—against some of the sub-quotas.

More important, whether the move succeeded or not, it reflected a feeling in some sections of Congress that the Administration had tied the hands of lawmakers and made it difficult for them to demand special protection for textile producers in their constituencies.

Introducing his resolution, Mr Lanham said that the Administration had opened "semi-secret negotiations" with Japan when it became clear that Japanese imports would be restricted either by the Tariff Commission or Congress.

"It looks very much as if the State Department could not bear to see Congress regain its constitutional authority," Mr Lanham said. "The Department had become so accustomed to acting in the place of Congress that it gave priority to the very

Mr B Regrets

London, Feb. 4. The Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Jacob Malik, today called on British Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan.

It was the first meeting between the two statesmen since Mr Macmillan became Prime Minister. An informed source said that Malik expressed the regret of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin that Mr Macmillan had decided to postpone indefinitely his projected visit to Moscow.—France-Press.

NY Tugboat Strike Serious

New York, Feb. 4. Mayor Robert Wagner met striking tugboat crewmen and tugboat owners today in an effort to settle a walkout that already has cut off nearly three-quarters of the city's fuel supply.

The chances for a quick settlement of the four-day-old strike were gloomy as Mr Wagner began separate talks with the disputing parties. The Mayor said prospects of a settlement later today were "not likely" and the Tugboat Union president, Joseph O'Hare, described the situation as "bad."

"I don't see an early end to this."

SEVERE SHORTAGE

The city is faced with a severe fuel shortage in two or three days, according to industry and city experts. The City Administrator, Charles Frenesse, was expected to make public plans for fuel rationing and other emergency measures after Mr Wagner completes his talks with both sides. Federal mediators already have entered the negotiations.

Three large passenger liners docked this morning without benefit of tugs and a fourth was expected to arrive this afternoon. A heavy fog made manoeuvring of the Saxonia, Kungsholm and Bergensfjord difficult, but their captains brought them in on the slack tide.—United Press.

GENERAL STRIKE

Port Au Prince, Feb. 4. A general strike broke out today at Port Au Prince, Haiti, calling for the resignation of the provisional President, Joseph Nemours Pierre-Louis.

Pierre-Louis is accused of protecting the interests of the former President Paul Magloire. Several persons who had been arrested for demonstrating against President Pierre-Louis Government have been released.—France-Press.

STRIKE OVER

Dagenham, Feb. 4. A strike which has kept 21,000 Ford car workers idle for a week was called off here today at a mass meeting of the strikers.

They voted to return to work tomorrow.

The strike began at Briggs Motor Bodies (a Ford subsidiary) last Monday over the suspension of five shop stewards.—China Mail Special.

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE TALKS EXPECTED SOON

Paris, Feb. 4. M. Rene Sergent, French Secretary-General of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, predicted here today that the OEEC Council of Ministers meeting here next week would decide to start negotiations very shortly on establishing a free trade area in Europe.

An OEEC expert's report, declaring that such a free trade area is technically feasible, will be published tomorrow.

Commenting on the report, M. Sergent told a press conference that he was sure a formula would be found to cover the problem of agriculture—which is widely considered a major obstacle to British participation in the scheme because of Britain's preferential tariff agreements with the food-producing Commonwealth countries.

Not Bi-lateral

He said that the free trade area must not be taken as a bi-lateral agreement between Britain, on one hand, and the six European countries—France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg—on the other.

These latter are now engaged in negotiations for a common market.

If the six-nation common market plan failed, it was likely that the free trade area proposal would also fail, M. Sergent said.

M. Sergent said the problem of linking overseas territories with the European free trade area centred around the exact definition of overseas territory.

The inclusion of such territories in the free trade area would pose severe problems for OEEC members like Britain and Portugal. He stressed that the question was not one of including these territories in the common market or the free trade area, but of associating them with these plans on a special basis.—China Mail Special.

UNION STUDY OF MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 5. Mr Victor Feather, Assistant-General Secretary of the eight-million strong British Trade Union Congress, has begun a week's study of the Malayan trade union movement.

Mr Feather, who is touring Southeast Asia, arrived here at the weekend from Singapore.—Reuter.

Nuclear Weapon Tests CLOCK SAVES ANSWERS

London, Feb. 4. Labour Members of Parliament tried to question the British Government in the House of Commons today about Japan's protest against the forthcoming British nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific. But question time was over before their questions were reached. They will now be answered another day.

Mr W. W. Hamilton wishes to ask the nature of the warning given to Japan about the tests and the official Japanese reply.

Mr Stephen Davies wants to know what protest the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, has received from various organisations in Japan.

Mr Emrys Hughes suggests in his question that Japanese fishermen should be compensated for any loss they sustain.

The MPs postponed the questions themselves. They could have had a written reply, but this would have provoked them asking further questions at the time.—Reuter.

BENES' BROTHER DIES IN US

Milwaukee, Feb. 4. John Anton Benes, brother of the former President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Eduard Benes, died yesterday in a Milwaukee clinic. It was disclosed today.

Benes, 55, a cabinet-maker by profession, returned several times to Czechoslovakia on visits.

He was there when his brother resigned in June, 1948. Edward Benes died in September of the same year.—France-Press.

DINNER FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER



Australia's new United Kingdom High Commissioner, Sir Eric Harrison, was guest of honour on Wednesday at a dinner given in Sydney by the Australia Club. Presiding at the dinner were the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. Picture shows three of the guests. They are, from left, Sir Eric Harrison, Sir Gerald Temple, Lord Fraser, and Lady Fraser. The women are wearing a special dress designed for the occasion.—Express Photo.

On the strength of this Krishna Menon has made marathon statement in United Nations, and Nehru

This Funny World



McNaught Syndicate, Inc.—D. Collier's

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE Governing Body of Narkiver is inquiring into a sinister report that a history master has been using money lent to him by the school poker syndicate to substitute cash for marks.

The arrangement apparently was that the syndicate should draw interest from both the master and the boys of his form. The master had no choice in the matter, as he had been caught cheating at cards 17 times in one term by two of the syndicate's paid informers. Pressure was put on them by the head master to keep their mouths shut, as the history master threatened to publish certain letters about a doped greyhound, written by Dr. Smart-Allick to the owner of the hound, who, to complicate matters, is one of the governors.

Solo for foghorn

DEAR SIR,
Allow me to support your music critic in his plea for more

realistic music. As the foghorn bellowed insistently, one seemed to feel, even to breathe, the fog, and the intervals between the booms cunningly suggested suspense, hesitation, anxiety. My neighbour at the concert complained of monotony, thereby missing the whole point of the composition. Fog is monotonous, and this one instrument, like the voice of doom, did what a whole orchestra could not have done. Surely the success of this solo will make music-lovers realise that intricate patterns woven by a hotch-potch of wind and brass, etc., only complicate an act which was once simple and uninvolved.

Yours truly,
"Music-lover."

Smart detective work

THE Treasury, which has sources of information outside the reach of you and me, has discovered that the price of everything is rising, and has passed on this news to us with lightning rapidity, even going so far as to say that a rise in the cost-of-living index is not an impossibility. The latest Treasury Bulletin will be a useful guide to those who do not understand that when the necessities of life become dearer, more money is needed to buy them.

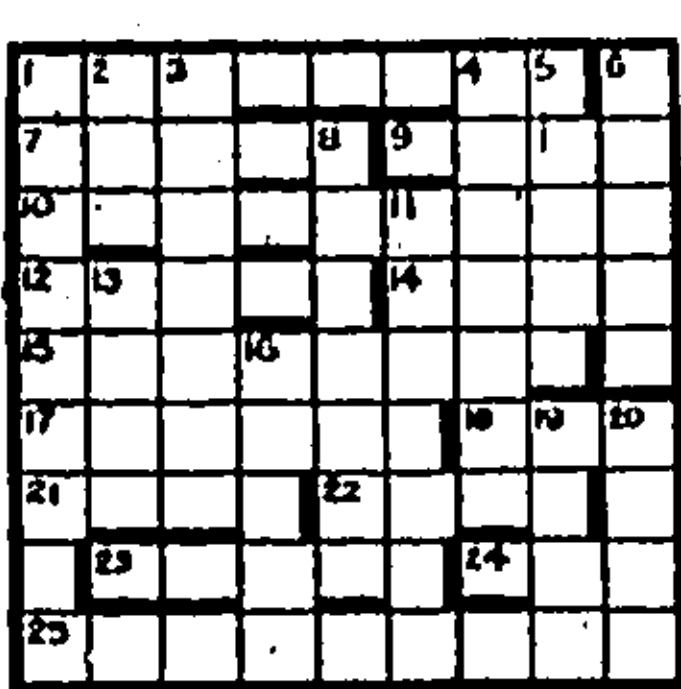
Co-operation

We, people and Parliament, must work together.

(A politician.)

The task before us must be shared by all;
We pay the piper for the tune they call.

CROSSWORD



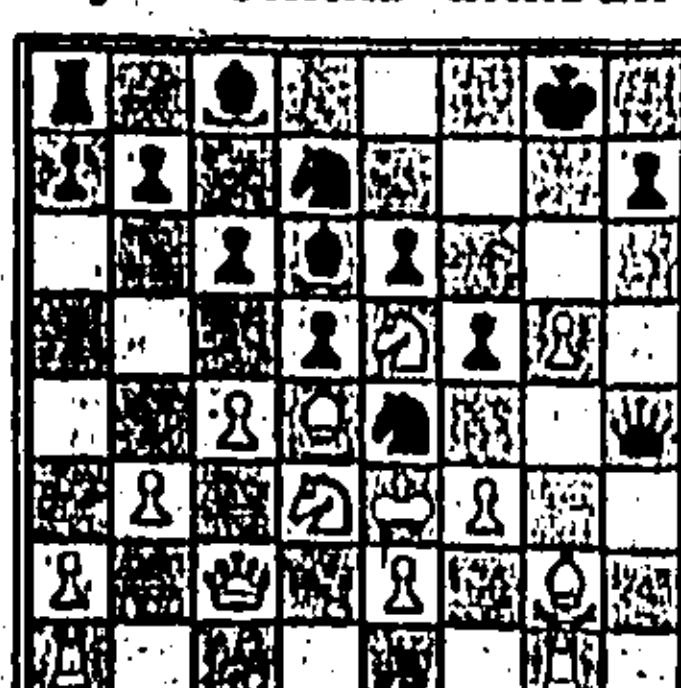
- Across
1. What you probably want most on holiday. (8)
7. This is just the sort of little thing you do. (6)
9. If something small gets you, you may be easily angered. (9)
10. Get in, there! (4)
12. Mix up a la mademoiselle. (6)
14. "Think..." in the cartoon. (5)
15. Untangles. (6)
17. Let out. (4)
18. Given by listener. (3)
21. Laws resembling needles. (4)
22. Women may make a weekly shopping trip. (6)
23. It means money in the north. (5)
24. Trouble spot for Portuguese. (3)
25. This takes the weight off your feet. (4, 5)

- Down
1. Make a condition. (9)
3. Three-quarters of a turn. (3)
4. There's nothing manufactured about this effect. (7)
6. They may find themselves in the soup! (7)
8. Please—but not initially. (5)
9. Guiltier than them. (7)
11. Die ship (anagram). (5)
13. Once more. (5)
14. To you, as the French furniture makers might say. (5)
16. It may have a crowd appreciation. (4)

Yesterday's edition

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A position from a Russian tournament. How did Black (Bondarevsky) win by force? Solution to yesterday's problem: 1.B-B2 (threat 2.B-B3). No less than five of the black defenses involve interference of the RQ.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Sets Come In Strange Hands

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOME hands cannot be beaten no matter how you defend. When you're unlucky enough to be defending against such a contract, your best course is to set the hand over with quickly in the hope that your next will be better. This does not mean surrender when the contract can be defeated.

In today's hand, West opened the king of clubs and then gave up. Convinced that his cause was hopeless, he cashed the ace of clubs and the ace of hearts and hoped against hope that his partner had a trump trick. South had no trouble in getting rid of his losing diamond, and the rest of the hand was merely routine.

West should defeat the contract by making the correct play at the second trick. Ho

NORTH		7
♠	Q4	
♥	KQ4	
♦	AJ1086	
♣	Q65	
WEST		
♠	107	
♥	A9532	
♦	KQ4	
♣	AJ7	
EAST		
♠	84	
♥	J106	
♦	Q73	
♣	109842	
SOUTH (D)		
♠	AKJ9632	
♥	Q37	
♦	92	
♣	AJ3	
East-West vul.		
South	West	North
4	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4♣		

should expect to win two clubs and a heart, and must look for the fourth trick in order to defeat the contract. In view of the nature of South's opening bid, it is almost impossible for East to have a natural trump trick. Hence West should try to establish a diamond in order to defeat the contract.

West should lead a low diamond at the second trick to establish a diamond before declarer can discard his loser.

South will lose two clubs and a heart in addition, and his game contract is therefore set.

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♦ 1♥ 1♥ 1♥
1NT Pass 2♥
You, South, hold:
♠A74 ♥KQ84 ♦K943 ♣J5
What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. You can afford to invite to game since you hold points opposite an opening bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠A74 ♥KQ84 ♦K943 ♣A5
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... by STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BORN today, you have great dreams, and if only you will develop your ideas, you will find that you also have the ability to convert them into realities. You usually know exactly what you want and go out after it. Rather demanding, you are also at times a little dictatorial. You must learn to temper your orders with tact and kindness. You are not one to talk very much about your plans and will wait until you are ready to proceed before you tell anyone what you are going to do.

Ambitious for recognition and fame, you do not put too much stress on financial returns. If you feel that you have achieved your ideological goal, then you are satisfied, even if you are poor, as a churchwoman. Satisfaction is your chief reward. If, of course, you have a family to support, your attitude toward a commercial success should be somewhat tempered. It may not be quite fair to ask others to starve in a garret for the sake of your art!

You members of the fair sex are attractive and fine dancers. You probably could become professional if you wished, and carve out a career for yourself. Both you men and women must be cautious when it comes to games of chance, for you are not too fortunate in this regard. Never feel sorry for yourself if your advance appears to be slower than others. Your turn will come, and making a martyr of yourself is a very poor practice. Indeed, get that chip off your shoulder!

Among those born on this date were: Dwight L. Moody, evangelist; Christopher Marlowe, playwright; James Carey, film director; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist; Maxine Elliott, actress; Sir Ilmarinen S. Maxim, inventor; and John Carradine, and Sidney Fields, actors.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If your "luck" is in, something unexpected may happen to you. Be on the watch for it!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There are uncertainties in today's picture, but a special measure of fortune will see you through.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Morning is excellent for business, so wind up important matters then. Be on guard in afternoon and evening.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—There are distractions current, but if you concentrate on a single objective, you are sure to make good progress.

LEO (May 22-June 21)—Caution is needed to avoid a possible upset. But if you are wise, you can circumvent difficulties.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—There is an undertone of good fortune with a superficial tendency toward delay. Your own attitude counts.

LIBRA (July 24-Aug. 23)—Looks like clear sailing, but there is trouble lurking underneath unless you are especially cautious.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Expect the unexpected today. An unusual event may bring exceptional conditions. Stay calm for solution.

SAGITTARIUS (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Follow your intuition today and you will not be led astray. Do what you think best for good results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Personal affairs may be more than

TARGET

P	G	D
N	H	
H	T	O

HOW many words of four or more can you make from the letters in the target? The letters in making each word must be used only once. Each word must contain the last letter in the next square, and there must be at least one letter between the words. No proper names, words, or proper nouns. Words must be in the plural form. Good! 23 words, very good! 27 words, excellent! Solution tomorrow.

WOMANSENSE

Seasonings Transform Bland Foods Into Gourmet Dishes

By ALICE DENHOFF

IN cooking, as in so many other aspects of life, it's the little things that make a world of difference. When it comes to lamb, a rather bland meat, it's that little touch of curry that changes a usual dish into a gourmet's delight. Here's a smart dinner built around Curried Crown Roast of Lamb.

For a serving of 6 to 8, ask your butcher to prepare a crown of 12 to 15 ribs from 6 to 7 pounds crown roast of lamb, season with 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. black pepper. Place in roasting pan, bone ends up. Wrap the bone ends with salt pork or bacon to prevent charring.

Fill with a mixture made of 1/4 pound ground lamb, 1/4 c. each minced onion and minced celery, one c. cooked rice, 2 c. toasted bread cubes, 1/2 cup butter, one slightly-beaten egg, 2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. black pepper, 2 tsp. curry powder and 1/4 tsp. garlic powder. Roast, uncovered, at 325° F. 30 minutes per pound or 3 hours.

From Indonesia comes a nish with silvered omelet or hard-cooked egg, whole-cooked shrimp, fried onions, scallions or thinly sliced cucumbers.

Now something special for a special luncheon. To serve 4, sauté 2 tsp. minced onion in 2 tsp. shortening. Blend in 2 tsp. flour. Stir in liquid made up of milk and liquor taken from 4 1/2-oz. shrimp to make 1 1/2 cups in all. Cook until of medium thickness. Add 1/2 tsp. salt, dash black pepper, dash garlic powder, tsp. curry powder, and shrimp.

Cut 2 avocados in 1/4 in. Remove seed. Fill with creamed shrimp mixture. Garnish with parsley or watercress and dust with paprika.



This original cocktail hat from Emma Pierson's Spring-Summer Collection is in sky-blue ottoman — a corded silk fabric. — Agence France-Presse.

To get along with people, take the genuine approach and LOOK FOR THE GOOD SIDE...

By ANNE HEYWOOD

UNLESS you are a hermit, or maybe a light-house keeper, you are going to have to spend a certain amount of your time with people, some of them unpleasant ones. Your happiness and your success in life are going to depend on how well you get along with them.

Fortunately, it's a skill you can improve with practice. I, myself, don't favour the external approach—the school of thought that urges happy smiles and endless compliments.

GOOD AND BAD

In the first place, a smile you don't feel and a compliment you don't mean are not apt to be very effective. People are brighter than you think. They will know when you're being phony.

It's much easier, really, to take the more genuine approach.

First, face the fact that there is some good and some bad in everybody. No murderer that ever stalked the streets was entirely without some tiny bit of good in his character; no dowager customer, screaming and yelling at the clerks, but what has some good side to her; no tyrannical employer, brandishing his whip and breathing fire, but has some saving grace.

I don't pretend for a minute that it's easy to remember this when you are the victim of a person's bad side. But I do know this: If you really believe there is some good in everybody, you'll find you attract that good. Treat the horrible customer as if she's a lady and you will bring out the lady in her. Act as if the mean employer is nice and what his niceness he has will come out to you.

I saw this happen vividly in an office I worked in once.

The president was ghastly. His secretaries usually lasted about three weeks. Naturally, a legend grew up. When a new secretary came, she soon heard what a monster he was. She treated him like one and he obliged by being one.

"A HORROR?"

Then a new girl came. She got along with him fine. Before long, he was acting like a perfect lamb. After three months of this, you could see she was going to stay for good. I asked her how she'd done it.

"Oh," she said, "when the girls started telling me what a horror he was, I paid no attention. In fact, I told them pleasantly that I'd just as soon find out what he was like for myself. That shut them up."

"I pretended to myself he was a nice chap and treated him as if he were. When he blew up, I acted as though I knew he didn't mean it. Pretty soon, he stopped blowing up. He turned into a real nice chap!"

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Sailing A Soap Bubble

—Never Make the Trip Without Dandelion Fluff!

By MAX TRELL

"SOME folks," said Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, "have taken trips on ships or on airplanes. But I doubt," he said in a solemn voice, as he looked at Knarf and Handi, the shadow children with the turned about names and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, "I doubt if any of them have ever taken a trip on a soap bubble!"

Knarf exclaimed in astonishment: "Did you ever take a trip on a soap bubble?"

Mr. Merlin nodded, smiled and winked at the same time.

"But you couldn't," said Teddy. "You're too big!"

"Ah, my dear, I'm only too big now. There was a time when I wasn't too big at all."

"When was that?" asked Handi.

"When I was small, of course," replied Mr. Merlin. "The younger you are, the smaller you are."

"When I was young, I was small enough to ride with the greatest of ease on a soap bubble. One of these days," he said, reaching for a book and starting to read it, "I'll tell you all about my wonderful trip on a soap bubble!"

But Knarf and Handi and Teddy insisted loudly that he tell them about this wonderful trip immediately. They finally made him shut his book again.

"Well," he said, "as I mentioned before, I was quite small. I won't say I was as small as a pin, but I will say I was much smaller than a telephone pole."

In the corner of our garden gate; then I got a buttercup blossom, a little bag of clover seeds and a bit of white-fluff from the top of a dandelion.

"What were all those things for?" Knarf demanded eagerly.

"You'll see in a minute," replied Mr. Merlin. "Just then another bubble came floating over the wall. Instantly, I threw the clover seeds on top of it, then tied the buttercup blossom to the cobweb strands that hung down over the bubble, so that I now had a little gondola to stand in. Then I stepped into the buttercup blossom—and away I went! But first I took the bag of clover seeds and the dandelion fluff."

"It was like sailing in a balloon!" Merlin said.

"Not wait! You didn't tell us what the bag of clover seeds were for!" cried Teddy.

"And the dandelion fluff," added Handi.

"Dear me, I did forget, didn't I?"

"Well, the clover seeds were just to throw over the side when the soap bubble started sinking. When I threw them over the side, the bubble became lighter. That's how I got over the hedge. And as for the dandelion fluff—"

"Yes?" asked Knarf and Handi and Teddy.

"That was for getting down again when the soap bubble burst. The dandelion fluff was like a parachute. I floated down on it as gently as a feather. You can go sailing on a soap bubble without a bit of dandelion fluff. Just remember that!"

And Mr. Merlin nodded again, smiled again and winked at the same time, then he said:

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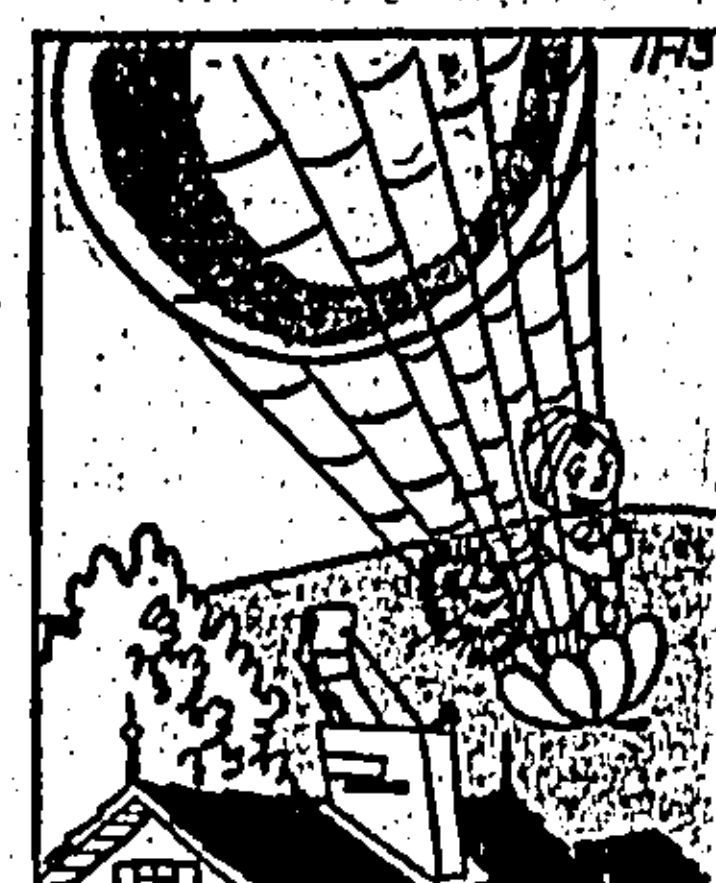
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There are about 800 speech sounds in the world's various languages. A babbling baby uses several hundred of these. When he begins to speak, he has to exclude all these sounds except for some 50 which are used in the English language.

Stutterers, Dr. Blanton observes, seem to fail to make this exclusion.

BUILD UP CONFIDENCE

As for treatment of a stutterer, he advises building up his confidence, giving him loving attention and teaching him to adjust to groups.

If the stutterer is a very young child, Dr. Blanton says, there is need for a reorganization of the family life to enable the youngster to receive the right amount of love and affection. This will help develop his sense of security.

For an adult who stutters, Dr. Blanton says, he must be trained to understand himself and to learn to adjust to other persons without fear and without tension.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When you are ironing, a garment with buttons, place the dampened button side down over a terry cloth towel. The buttons will sink into the towel while the iron slips smoothly over the fabric without catching in or loosening the buttons.

It's a good idea to keep aluminum baking pans shiny, since it helps cakes to bake and brown evenly. Dark pans can cause burning.

Polished brass candlesticks and vases that are hard to keep bright will stay bright for a long time by wiping them clean, then applying a warmed coat of white shellac.

NEW EUROPEAN SOCCER COMPETITION ON LEAGUE LINES PROPOSED

London, Feb. 4. The proposal of a new European Soccer competition, probably to be run on League lines and under floodlights, has been hailed in British soccer circles as the greatest incentive yet to bring back the missing millions of spectators.

But the English soccer bosses, who are planning the competition, are criticised by many for not putting forward the idea sooner.

Less than a year ago the Football League, called for reduction in the number of matches outside the League Championship. But the slump in gates continued. So the League and the Football Association realised that something stirring and dramatic was needed to stop it.

They now plan an April meeting of the soccer chiefs from

France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales to discuss the possibility of a "discuss" the possibility of a competition being arranged for selected clubs of the countries concerned. Several other countries may be included.

Details of how the competition would be run have still to be worked out. But it is almost certain to be in the form of a floodlit cup competition with

preliminary matches on a regional League basis. The matches would be played during mid-week.

The problem facing the organizers are immense. At present most English clubs, with League, Cup and friendly games, already play at least 40 fixtures in the 35-week season—an average of almost three a fortnight.

CURRENT LEADERS

Manchester United, the English League Champions, and current leaders, are taxed to the full with the occasional European cup matches. If the new competition is introduced, it is likely to have far more fixtures than the established one.

Obviously some clubs are going to be disappointed at not taking part. They could easily sabotage the plan for England by voting against it at the meeting of the League's 92 clubs here in March.

Such powerful soccer interests as West Bromwich Albion, Everton, Liverpool, Aston Villa and Chelsea cannot be expected to embrace the scheme which must of necessity leave them out. Perhaps the money from the gates in England could be distributed among those left out in an inducement to provide floodlights.

There may also be protests from the players union. While the rest of the soccer world was awarding its players rich incentives, the League recently emphasised that the English players should not be paid more than the bonus laid down—three pounds sterling for a win, two pounds for a draw and nothing for losing.

With only these immediate rewards, Manchester United have battled on for the European Cup against their cash-inspired opponents. The United will probably collect about £40,000 sterling if they reach the final.

SUCCER BOSSES

It is now obvious that the English soccer bosses have noticed this fantastic financial success and are now anxious to get on the money-making bandwagon.

The astonishing fact is that most of them have only just realised that such an ambitious and thrilling floodlit competition would be a tremendous draw.

Last season they succeeded in securing off Chelsea from entering the European Cup but they failed to do the same to Manchester United.

Sir Stanley Rous, the far-seeing, far-travelled secretary of the Football Association, has long advocated more regular fixtures with top European clubs.

His plan for a super-league of 10 English clubs in 1955 was quickly thrown out, and the League has asked clubs to cut down on show-piece games like the Wolverhampton Wanderers—Hoveat match this season.

If the floodlit competition, as envisaged, is introduced then the English league system will be almost certainly need revising.—China Mail Special.

Manchester U. 4-1 Favourite For FA Cup

London, Feb. 4.

Manchester United, English League Champions, remained favourites at 4-1 for the Football Association Cup, the tonight's draw at the Victoria Club here.

Tottenham Hotspur were again second favourites at 11-2. The only change of note in the prices of the leading favorites was the shortening of the odds against Arsenal from 100-9 to 10-1.—China Mail Special.

DRAWN MATCH

Birmingham, Feb. 4. Aston Villa, drew their rearranged First Division Football League match with Manchester City at Villa Park here today, both teams scoring twice.

The match was originally postponed on December 22 because of fog.—China Mail Special.

ICE HOCKEY

Edinburgh, Scotland, Feb. 4. The United States amateur ice hockey team were beaten 6-3 by Paisley Pirates here tonight in the first game of their European tour.

Period scores (Pirates first): 2-1, 0-1, 3-1.—Reuter.

TOUGH CONTEST AHEAD



Seen in training in his home town is Joe Eskin, the British Heavyweight Champion from Cardiff, who on February 19 meets the tough American, Nino Valdes, of Cuba, conqueror of Don Cockell in 1953, and the other Welsh Heavyweight "hope" Dick Richardson, last December.—Central Press Photo.

Dave Charnley—Once A Fighter Always A Fighter

By ERIC NICHOLLS

The paper industry used to be Dartford's only thriving trade. But unless things take a decided turn for the worse in this Kent town, I see keen competition looming up from the local coach hire firms.

For the people of Dartford have found an interest outside paper. They all want to see the explosive fists of Dave Charnley in action. In fact, nowadays, the coach firms relegate summer outings to second place on their schedule. Whenever this 21-year-old heir to the British Lightweight crown is fighting, they don't wait for bookings. It is a case of "stand by all crews".

Young Mr Charnley is Dartford's hero. Yet, just two years and 22 fights ago, Charnley, as ABA Featherweight Champion, was swapping punches for fish knives and tea services, and attending to the needs of boiler-making. He still makes boilers. But from his first professional fight at £25, southpaw Charnley has considerably added to his earnings by graduating to the £500-about class—no mean pickings for a 21-year-old, and has in his 22 professional bouts won 19, drawn one and lost only twice.

Guy Gracia of France, who recently defeated Sammy McCarthy, and Willie Lloyd were Charnley's conquerors, and Lloyd also forced the draw.

In fact Welsh Champion Lloyd seems to have caused Mr Charnley most trouble of all on the rocky road to fame. In the other week's Albert Hall bout—their third meeting—

Lloyd came within a couple of punches of further delaying Charnley's title hopes. In the sixth round, a behind-the-scenes fight opened a right eye, above Charnley's right ear, and provided heartaches for Charnley's supporters. At the end of the ninth the referee told Charnley that the state of his injured eye might not permit him more than one more round.

A TOUGH BOY

Charnley, however, is a bright as well as a tough boy. He boxed his man until the beginning of the twelfth when he staged a grandstand finish, interrupted by referee Williams who indicated that Charnley had given and Lloyd had taken enough, after the Welshman had risen somewhat shakily from a count of eight.

So Charnley has taken a step nearer the first of his four aims in life—the Lightweight Championship of Britain, Europe, the Empire and the World.

For his defeat of Lloyd leaves Charnley standing alone as the official contender for Joe Lucy's British title.

An amazing climb to the top, you might think. But then Charnley is an amazing young man. He might have made it sooner, but for the little matter of a broken bone in his hand which kept him out of action for a month.

Had he beaten Lloyd at their first meeting, manager Arthur Rogers has lucrative trip to the United States lined up.

Charnley still tremors at the memory of that fight.

But those who refer to him as Britain's Midway Marlon, know what they are talking about. For ever since young David was born to Scottish parents at Dartford, he has been a fighter.

Ask the people of Motherwell, where David went with his family when a bomb knocked over their Dartford home.

As a youngster young Charnley's volatile nature was to stand in the shelter of grandma's doorway and challenge bigger boys to fight.

"If they said no, I pestered 'em. If they said yes, I ducked inside and slammed the door," says Charnley.

KNUCKLE FIGHT

His first introduction to legalised pugilism was when a teacher intervened in a knuckle fight—which 10-year-old David was winning—and insisted that the differences between the two young gentlemen should be settled with the aid of boxing gloves.

David lost, but he did well enough to add boxing to his list of interests and go on to win a County Secondary School.

He was the seven-stone Schoolboy Champion of Kent for two years, and at 14 was boxing for the Youth Championship of Great Britain in the same Albert Hall ring he now treads as a professional.

Charnley's subsequent career as a senior amateur Champion and international with Fitzroy Lodge BC introduced him to opponents from Holland, Germany, France, and to the Empire Games in Canada.

I watched Charnley when, as a comparative novice of 17, he marched through to the London ABA Championships, only to be pipped for honours by his experienced Percy Lewis. But the following year Charnley was back—as ABA Champion.

And since then, he has never looked back.

Now Charnley must rest for six weeks, to recuperate from

that cut eye, the first in his career. But when he is fit and well again he'll be chasing Mr Lucy for his British title. And if you know Charnley, Lucy is in for a rough time. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON

Malayans Win Men's Doubles Title At Bombay

Bombay, Feb. 4.

Ong Poh-lim and Ismail Bin Marjan, the Malaysian pair, won the Men's Doubles title in the International Badminton Tournament, organised by the Bombay State Badminton Association, which concluded here today.

In one of the best matches of the tournament, they beat Tan Joe-hock (Indonesia) and Manoj Guha (India) 13-10, 15-11 in the final.

Tan Joe-hock won the Men's Singles trophy when he beat Manoj Guha 15-11, 10-3.

In the Doubles final, Poh-lim and Marjan led 13-4 in the first game but Tan, with terrific smashes and superb retrieving powers, levelled before winning over the extra points. The Malaysians, playing with less complacency, won the next two games comfortably.

Ong did not play in the singles because he had not fully recovered from a back injury he received while playing in Calcutta last week. Marjan was eliminated in a preliminary round.

The Mixed Doubles title was won by the Indian pair A. Dewan and Mrs S. Athavale who beat Tan and the Indian Miss E. Baig 15-0, 9-10, 15-5.—Reuter.

Pancho Gonzales Beaten

Adelaide, Australia, Feb. 4. Ken Rosewall of Australia won for the third time in ten matches with powerful Pancho Gonzales of the U.S. he beat the American tonight 4-0, 4-0, 6-3, 9-7, 6-1, in their professional tennis tour.—United Press.

HOCKEY VISAS

Paris, Feb. 4. The United States Department has refused to grant visas to American hockey players who were to compete in the World and European Ice Hockey Championships opening in Moscow Wednesday, the Soviet Tass News Agency announced today. American players thus will not compete, the agency said.—France Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

HKFA Inter-Club Dinner in honour of the Indian Olympic Soccer team at Tai Tung Restaurant, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

REIMS Annual Athletic Meeting at Reims, 10 a.m.

Services, 10 a.m. St. Basil, Old Courty, Reims.

Soccer: Inter-School Challenge Cup, Junior final (Kowloon), King's Park, 5.30 a.m.

GRAND NATIONAL

Ten Pounds More May Not Stop E.S.B. From Winning Next March

London, Feb. 5.

Mrs Leonard Carver's ESB, lucky winner of last year's Grand National, has been reasonably enough weighted for this year's event to suggest that he might become the first dual winner since Reynoldstown in 1935 and 1936.

He has been given 11st 13 lb in this year's steeple-chasing Blue Riband, to be run over Aintree's tough four miles, 866 yards course on March 29. This is only ten pounds more than he carried to success last year.

No doubt handicapper Mr Dan Sheppard has made allowance for the manner of ESB's victory last March—he scored the most seasonally lucky win in the history of the race. Fifty yards from the winning post, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Devon Loch had the race "in his pocket"—then sprang back on the flat run in, leaving ESB to come from well behind and take the laurels.

ESB, now an 11-year-old, has been running well enough this season to suggest that ten pounds more may not stop him from winning next March without the necessity for such a stroke of luck. This time, at any event, he will have no Devon Loch to cope with—the Royal "chaser" had recently to be scratched from all engagements because of a recurrence of an old tendon injury.

Certainly, ESB looks likely to do better this year than any of the other three previous winners among the entries. Quare Times, who won with 11st in 1955 and now has lost weight of 12 lbs, has been laid up by a setback in training.

Prince Aly Khan's Royal Tan, who carried 11st 7lb successfully in 1954, and Early Mist, winner under 11st 2 lb in 1953—both now on the 11st 12 lbs mark—seem to have passed their best.

UNIQUE TREBLE

These three completed a unique winning treble for Vincent O'Brien, the cashel (County Tipperary) trainer. He still has charge of Quare Times and Royal Tan, but Early Mist is now in the stable of Bryan Marshall at Upper Lambourn, Berkshire.

O'Brien appears to have better hopes this year in Sam Brownthorn (11st 12 lb) and Mirabile (11st 9 lb) and Virginius (10st 12 lb), owned by an American, Raymond R. Guet, and bred in the United States.

Sam Brownthorn, a nine-year-old, was freely whispered as the best card in O'Brien's pack last year until he had to be struck out when it was found that he was not qualified. Less than a fortnight after his enforced scratching he won a race in Ireland which gave him right of entry to the Grand Na-

tion. He and Mirabile, a seven-year-old, are both smart "chasers," but they appear to have been given a fair share of weight.

TOP FORM

Virginius won over two miles, one furlong at Limerick last year, but had to be pulled up in the Thyestes chase over a mile longer at Gowran Park in Ireland next time out. He is a promising sort, however, and still has a few months to get into top form for Aintree.

Mrs Philip Lamb's Sandy June II, winner of Thyestes chase, looks one of the most promising "national" lightweights on this form—she has only 10st 2 lb to carry at Aintree.

This mare is a monument to the curative properties of goose grease. A year ago she was in an apparently desperate plight with inflamed feet, but a course of goose grease applied to the "hot dugs" by trainer Paddy Murphy put her back on her feet again.

Peter Cazale, trainer of Devon Loch, has Rose Park among the highly-weighted contingent—the ten-year-old, winner of the King George VI chase at Kempton Park in December, is weighted with ESB on the 11st 13 lb mark.—China Mail Special.

SOCCER

Indians To Play Five Matches In Malaya

Singapore, Feb. 4.

Further negotiations have fixed five matches in Malaya and two in Singapore for the All-India touring soccer team. It was announced here today.

The team's Singapore representative, Mr S. R. P. Naidu, announced the teams fixtures after a reshuffle of dates had avoided the cancellation of the matches in Malaya.

The Indians are expected in Singapore on Wednesday and are due to fly home to India on Feb. 19.

Mr Naidu said the teams fixtures were: Feb. 7 against Singapore Selection in Singapore; Feb. 9 against Singapore in Singapore; Feb. 10 against Selangor State in Kuala Lumpur; Feb. 12 against Penang in Penang; Feb. 14 against Malayan Chinese in Penang; Feb. 16 against Football Association of Malaya XI in Kuala Lumpur; Feb. 17 against President of Football Association of Malaya XI in Kuala Lumpur.—Reuter.

SPEED SKATING

Helsinki, Feb. 4. Competitors from eight countries will take part in the Women's World Speed Skating Championships at Iisalmi, South-east Finland, on February 9 and 10; the organizers announced today.

The countries represented are Canada, Czechoslovakia, China, East Germany, Finland, Poland, Russia and Sweden.—China Mail Special.

Mickey Mantle Signs Contract

New York, Feb. 4. Mickey Mantle, voted the American League's outstanding player in 1956, formally signed his 1957 contract with the New York Yankees today for a reported \$40,000.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLES



GREAT NORTHERN

CANADIAN SALMON

HIGHEST NUTRITIVE VALUE

ALL HIS OWN WORK

By HENRY LONGHURST

Thomas Henry Cotton, MBE, reached his half century—a notable milestone in the life of the most notable British golfer since the days of the great triumvirate, Vardon, Taylor, and Braid—and in common, I am sure, with every golfer in the land and many who have never touched a club, I hereby send him my felicitations.

In the last 30 years no individual has made a stronger personal mark on a game so widely played. No one comes remotely near to taking his place today.

It is customary on these occasions to send forth unqualified panegyrics of praise, but I shall not do this. Cotton's intelligence by doing any such thing. He has had his ups and downs and has been frequently criticised—often, though by no means always, with justification. But generally because, seeing his desired object so clearly in view, he has marched directly towards it when a slight diversion would have avoided the treading on sensitive toes. If you live a full, competitive, many-sided and highly publicised life, you are bound, as it were, to hit an occasional one off the socket.

Cotton's first moment of triumph came at Sandwich in 1934, when his opening 67 and 65, to say nothing of 66 in the qualifying round at Deal, set an entirely new standard of championship golf. It was a triumph in which I like to think I shared, since all the pictures of him clashing the trophy show him in a hand-some, camel-hair overcoat of mine which he had borrowed for the occasion. Indeed, it is in the room with me as I write.

Tulloch 31st In Inter-County Cross Country

Bruce Tulloch, who was in Hongkong for two years with 173 Locating Battery, Royal Artillery, finished 31st in the Jubilee County Athletic Union Cross Country Championship at the Cotton House Grounds of the British Thomson-Houston Company on Saturday, January 19 out of 311 runners, comprising 35 teams.

Tulloch, representing Devonshire, was the first Devon runner to finish. He was 77 seconds behind the winner, Ken Norris of Middlesex, over a course of seven or eight miles, clocking 39 minutes 19 seconds.

He finished ahead of such ranking British runners as Colin Gray, Denis Crook, Frank Salvat, Tom Harwood, George Knight, Roger Beecroft, A. P. Kelly, J. Morrison, S. H. Langridge, Albert Jones, K. Rickhuss, John Thorpe, Michael Barratt, Alan Hine, Roger Darchambaud, Jack Heywood, David Penble J. J. McDonald and P. C. Perry, helping bring Devonshire into 14th place of the 35 counties taking part.

Following Norris into the first 10 positions were Alan Perkins, Michael Pirth, E. Healey, A. Chorlton, Bill Beak, Derek O'Gorman, John Wild, Hugh Ford, Llewellyn, the 10th man finishing within 41 seconds of the winner.

Middlesex won the Inter-County Championship with 120 points, followed by Essex with 147, Yorkshire with 158, Lancashire with 161, Surrey with 214, Cheshire with 284, Derbyshire with 355, Warwickshire with 383, Northumberland and Durham with 426, Sussex with 441 and Kent with 475.

as good as ever 23 years later. I wonder if they make them like that today.

THE LAST ROUND

Anything he did at Sandwich, however, when, to be truthful, there were no Americans to beat and his last round of 79 was pure anti climax, was totally eclipsed when, at Carnoustie in 1937, he beat the full flower of the American Ryder Cup team. He knew he had to do in the last round and his 71, played in a downpour so strong that you could not hear the typewriters in the Press tent, remains the finest single round I ever saw.

They often say you cannot be a great golfer—or perhaps a great anything else in this life—unless it really hurts you to play imperfectly and I am sure this has always been true of Cotton. Nobody suffered more keenly from golf than even the extent of striking himself sharply on the head with his aluminium putter—fortunately in the days when he used to wear a pork-pie hat.

It may explain, perhaps, too, his successes in other spheres. His book of reminiscences—*Cum Instructione*, "This Game of Golf" remains, in my opinion, unsurpassed. When he went on to the variety stage at the Coliseum, amid grave forebodings, you could hear a pin drop during his 16-minute act and he was retained for a further week. His general zest for golf, his shrewd and often highly comical probing into the mind of the hapless player and his imitation thereof make him one of the few people with whom I will willingly sit up half the night talking golf.

THE MAESTRO

I fancy it was I who first dubbed him the Maestro. At any rate the fact that the name has stuck for so long seems to prove it justified. I do not know anyone, Hogan and Hagen included, whose shots give the purist-elite quite the same aesthetic satisfaction. I always felt him to be one of those people, like Jack Hobbs, Babe Ruth, Stanley Matthews or Joe Davis, of whom the novice spectator would instinctively say, "I may not know much about this game, but that one must be better than the others."

I find myself writing in the past tense, but that is certainly wrong. The Maestro is no spent force. He did try retiring after his third Open in 1948—it was 14 years after his first and when the late King came to watch, he laid on a 98 for his benefit—but retirement was one of his failures. He came back in 1953, finished seventh at Hoylake last year, and proposes to continue indefinitely. Meanwhile he keeps fit by cangling from a horizontal bar in his well-feathered nest in Eaton Square.

Aided—one might even say prodded—by his wife, the redoubtable "Toots" who I believe is the perpetual champion of Czechoslovakia, unless that title has been played for again since the war, he is probably the most precious business man golfer in the game's history in Britain—a man who keeps his eye on the ball, it is our Henry.

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



Jimmy Guthrie Goes Out Without A Voice Or A Vote

By DON HARDISTY

The Players' Union sacked Jimmy Guthrie, its champion, on January 28—and not a voice was raised against his departure.

The other afternoon the dapper, burly 45-year-old Scot entered a Manchester hotel for the annual meeting of the union's full-time, paid chairman, the man who had battered his way into the headlines for more than ten years as spokesman for "Soccer's Slaves."

Three-and-a-half hours later he left the meeting, having failed to receive a single nomination for re-election to the committee from the 55 club representatives present.

He is unemployed (for it meant loss of his estimated £1,000-a-year job), and completely severed from the union (for he does not even hold a member's card).

But, although on the verge of tears, he said: "I shall continue to fight for the Union with all the means at my command."

"I have had an eventful ten years as chairman of the union, and there are many things I should have liked to go on talking for. But if it is the wish of the members that I should go, that's that. It's all in the game."

NO SUCCESSOR

Guthrie's exit leaves the Players' Union without a leader. A new committee was elected, but no chairman was named. Secretary Cliff Lloyd, in his official statement after the meeting, said: "The committee will meet within the next 14 days to elect an unpaid chairman from among themselves, and will then go into the question of appointing a full-time paid organiser."

The committee has a new look. Previously it contained only two playing and six non-playing members.

SIX PLAYERS

Now there are six playing members—Jackie Campbell (Oldham) and Jimmy Hill (Birmingham), re-elected, and Jeff Hall (Birmingham), Bill Root (Bristol Rovers), Harry Hough (Barnsley), and Ian Dargie (Brentford)—and one non-playing member, Frank Walton (formerly with Leyton and Southend).

What lies ahead for Guthrie? "It was such a surprise I have no future plans. But of course I'm open to any proposition—yes, even managership."

I'm out on my neck, and I don't know why. After 11 years as Chairman of the Players' Union I'm out of a job without a word of explanation from those who did the axing.

Could it be that I have talked too often, and too bluntly? Could it be that, in the delegates' eyes, I have been too harsh on the little dilettos who run this game?

Football in England is controlled by successful grocers, wool merchants, and manufacturers who, because they have money and position in a city or town, imagine they, and they only, know how to run a club. This is an age of dictatorship in football, an age when the big

business man has seized control and exercises it ruthlessly. And you will find that less than 20 per cent have ever played the game. Yet they claim all the glory when it's around, and



JIMMY GUTHRIE... open to any proposition now.

kick the poor old players and managers when things go wrong. My plan was to extend the scope of the union and make it a body embracing all those who earn their living at the game. In recent weeks good men like George Poyser and Freddie Steele have left their jobs with-

out a chance of redress. Here is the three-point plan on which I have worked in my 11 years. At present it finds itself.

1. No ceiling on wages. Football is the only branch of entertainment or industry which pegs the earnings of its workers. This has in the past led to these under-counter payment allegations about which the Football League are so concerned.

DISCARDED

2. Players' contracts. The men who play the game and bring in the crowds should be able to negotiate their own contracts, which should be of at least three years.

3. Managers and trainers. A man who is often happens that a man uproots his family to move, only to be told at the end of the season that he is not wanted.

The regular sacking of both managers and trainers in recent years would not have been tolerated in any other sport or industry.

I hope to stay in the game, or close to it. But for a while I'll have a rest and get over the shock of being pitched out of the job to which I had given everything.

I tried to get an explanation from the delegates. I did not get single vote, and all of them would say was: "We don't want you any more." I hope those who take over know where they are going. (COPYRIGHT)

Soccer Needs A Violent Shake-Up—Kick Out These Boardroom Bores

Says ALAN HOBY

Soccer needs a violent shake-up. Instead of sacking managers wholesale I would throw out all those interfering club directors who make the manager's life a misery.

Many of these *Boardroom Bores* can't distinguish a footballer from a floor-walker. They couldn't kick a ball properly if they tried. They are all self-importance and pouter-pigeon pomposity.

other week because of a split in the board—recalls how, before the war, the Burnley directors paid the players' summer wages out of their own pockets.

But though they may know nothing about football, there is one game they can play to perfection. It is called "SACK THE MANAGER."

In this "game" the manager seldom wins. He is on a hiding to nothing. Told practically from the start how to run the team, he knows that sooner or later he will wind up the scape-goat.

Time and again I have seen these men treated in the most contemptible way.

Often they have no guarantees, no long-term contracts, no security safeguards for the future.

They are expected to be little more than glorified yes-men and office slaves; to have no more impact than a doorman.

SUMMER WAGES

Ex-England centre-forward Tommy Lawton—he turned down the Notts County job the

Like Matt Busby (Manchester United), Stan Cullis (Wolves), Bert Bristol (Rovers), Sam Bartam (York), Alec Stock (Leyton Orient), Ted Drake (Chelsea), Arthur Turner (Birmingham), Burnley manager Alan Brown has always been master in his own house.

What I would like to see is more clubs following the progressive line adopted by Notts County Chairman Len Machin, who wants a strong-man manager to take charge of his team before they accept a job managers should state their demands and refuse cut-price wages.

It is even more facile to assert that the trouble with many managers today is they don't

A RETURN TO OLD-STYLE CENTRE-HALVES

Accent Should Be On Attack

Says DON REVIE

Bernard Joy, one of the greatest stopper centre-halves in his playing days with Arsenal, has set the ball rolling by suggesting that soon most English League clubs will go back to the old style attacking centre-half.

Bernard is too big a character in the game to dismiss his ideas without a second thought. But I think in this case he is way wide of the mark.

Most people know that the stopper centre-half was brought in by Arsenal when the offside law was changed. What they don't know is that the stopper centre-half was virtually forced on the Arsenal after they had lost their first seven matches at the start of the 1925-26 season.

It became obvious to the players that with the new offside law, you just couldn't afford to have an attacking centre-half, because there was a wide gap through the middle, and it was making goal scoring easy for the alert centre-forward.

So, at a special meeting of the Arsenal players in which Charlie Buchan played a big part, the Arsenal club decided to try the idea of keeping their centre-half as a policeman, patrolling a restricted territory in the centre of the field. In other words he was to stick as close to the opposing centre-forward as a hair shirt.

That style of play introduced 30 years ago is as imperative now as the day when it was brought into use for the first time. The plain truth is you must have someone, whether you call him centre-half or a centre back, holding the middle of the field.

LOOSE FORWARD

The Austrians at one time had an attacking centre-half, Oewirk. He was their loose forward, wandering all over the field, although he wore a No 5 (or 11) shirt. Nevertheless, the Austrians still employed a player to police the centre of the field. They merely moved the right back over to the centre-half berth (and called him a centre back). The right-half played right full-back, and the inside-right played right-half. The whole team was shuffled around to let the centre-half, Oewirk, play as the schemer of the side.

I honestly believe that if English clubs adopted the attacking centre-half role, they would have to switch their players about in the same way as the Austrians. This view is not only my own.

Peter Doherty, the Doncaster Rovers' manager says: "The game needs new ideas, but no matter what is tried, I believe that every team must block that vital down-the-middle route to goal." Joe Smith, the Blackpool manager says: "I played in the game when every side had attacking centre-halves, but in modern football I think you

must have someone to stay back to cover the middle of the field.

George Young, the Rangers' centre-half, who is like a block of granite and just about as impregnable when he plays against England, says: "No matter what happens on the wings, most goals are scored in or around the penalty area, and usually in the centre of the goal. That's why I try to block this vulnerable way to goal."

Frankly I believe the answer to this problem of the stopper centre-half can be overcome by a number of strategies.

(1) By playing the withdrawn centre-forward game, first made famous by the Hungarians and later adopted by Manchester City.

(2) By having two great inside-forwards of the calibre of Raich Carter and Peter Doherty. With two great inside-forwards any side should be able to pull a stopper centre-half out of the middle.

(3) By having great wingmen of the calibre of Stan Matthews and Tom Finney. Here again, by using the open spaces on the touchlines a side can create openings in the centre of the field.

GOALS FROM WINGERS

I'll leave the last word on this topic to the grand old-timer, Billy Meredith, the Welsh wizard who made his name with Manchester City and Manchester United. Despite the fact that he is nearing 80 Billy still has a young approach to the game.

He said recently: "People think that in my playing days I used to head straight for the corner flag, and then whip over a high centre into the goalmouth for the centre and inside-forwards to nod it home. Look at the goals—I scored 479 in my time. Proof enough that wingers should make and take goals."

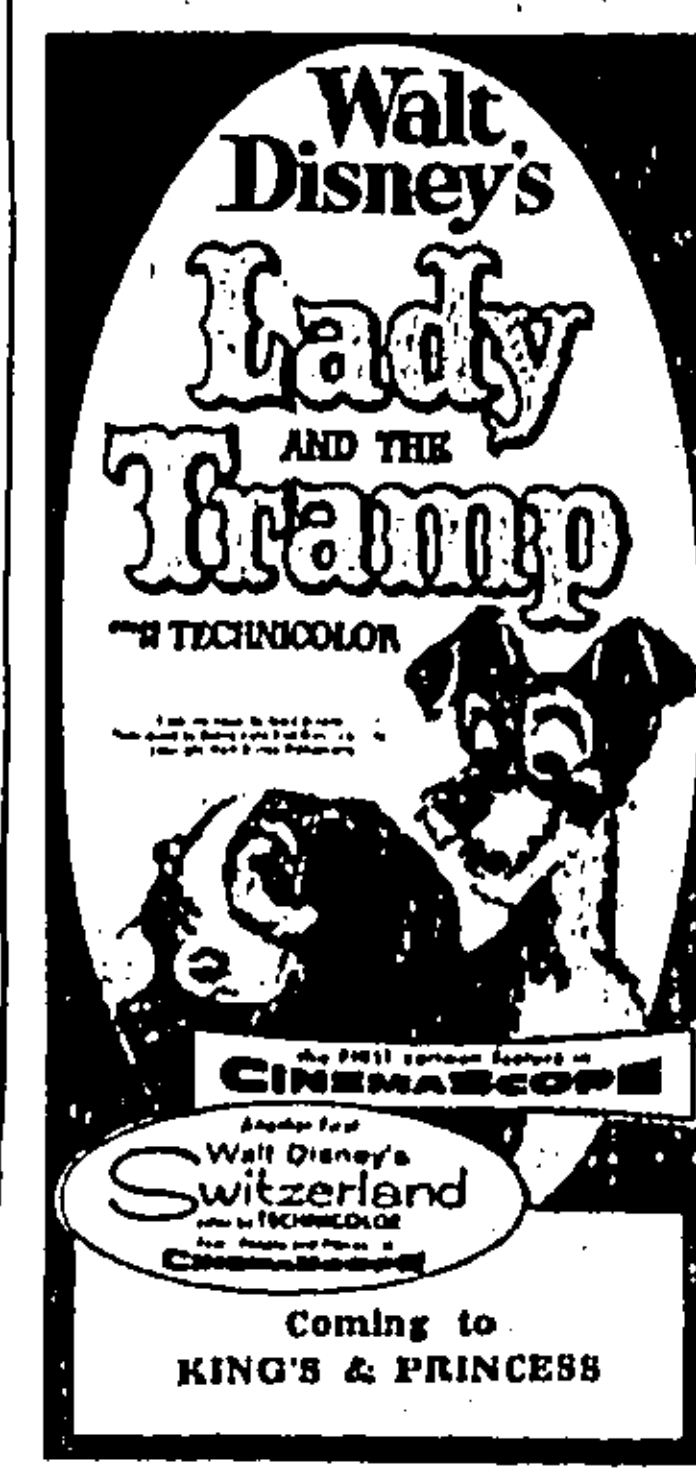
I agree with Meredith. In the modern game the way to make openings is along the touchlines. If you have fast striking wingers capable of using the ball and also cutting in for goal as Joe Hulme and

Cliff Bastin did for Arsenal in the 1930s, not even a stopper centre-half can prevent goals.

The position today is that most teams have perfected a close defensive cover and this, plus the stopper centre-half, makes goal scoring hard. As I see it, this is a challenge to the craftsmen in the game. If you have enough ball players; fast striking wingmen and a fluid forward formation (and in present day football Manchester United, Spurs, Arsenal, Burnley and Blackpool are well worth watching in this respect), then you can solve the problem of by-passing the stopper centre-half.

The trouble is that for too long we have played stereotyped football. If you have players who are truly the master of the ball, plus fine tactical ideas put over by managers like Stan Cullis, Raich Carter, Peter Doherty and Matt Busby, there is no reason why the defensive styled stopper centre-half should not be mastered.

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AUSTRALIA PLAYING BIG PART IN GEOPHYSICAL YEAR OBSERVATIONS

By JAMES SHRIMPTON

Canberra, Feb. 4.

From the sticky heat of New Guinea to the icy wastes of Antarctica, scores of Australian scientists and technicians will play an active part in the International Geophysical Year beginning on July 1.

Their role was set out in detail in a recent survey by Professor H. C. Webster, Dean of the faculty of science at Queensland University, who believes that their work will demonstrate to the world that Australia is "scientifically and technically adult and competent, and therefore worthy to retain these territories" held by the nation in the Antarctic.

Three observation stations are planned for Australia during the Geophysical Year. They have been established for some time and the other is being especially established for the occasion.

The main base, at Mawson, opened in 1954, and the Macquarie Island station, established some years previously, are being equipped for a wide variety of geophysical observation.

Ideally Situated

The bases are regarded as ideally situated for scientific observation of the Aurora Australis, or "Southern Lights," a brilliant optical display in the night skies of Antarctica. Even some Australian, in the island state of Tasmania off the south-eastern coast and on the southern part of the mainland, should get a glimpse of the Aurora on several occasions during the year, according to Professor Webster. He hopes to enlist the help of amateur observers in watching for these appearances, since it is particularly important to determine the northern limit of visibility.

The third Australian Antarctic observation station is a new one, at Vestfold Hills on the Antarctic continent coastline, some 300 miles east of Mawson.

One of the more spectacular phases of the Geophysical Year will be the firing from

Woomera, in South Australia, of giant, unmanned rockets loaded with scientific observation equipment. These robot rockets will be capable of penetrating to a height of several hundred miles above the earth, Professor Webster says, and will radio back their observations.

A number of special rockets with equipment designed and built by British researchers for investigations during the International Geophysical Year will also be fired from Woomera.

Minor Observer

Professor Webster stresses that Woomera and the United States rocket proving ground at White Sands, in New Mexico, are equidistant from the geomagnetic equator, and therefore especially suitable for high-altitude geophysical investigations.

Australia will also play a minor observer's part in the United States' historic satellite-firing project.

The radiophysics laboratory of the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation, which Professor Webster describes as having achieved "considerable international distinction" for research on radio waves from sources outside the earth, will regularly measure radio waves from the sun during the year.

Other research organisations will record changes in the sun's surface, such as the appearance of sunspots and eruptions.

Several small islands in the Coral and Tasman seas also have an important place in plans for the Geophysical Year.

Equipment for recording ocean movements is being

sited at Willis Island, in the Coral Sea, for example, and at Norfolk Island and Lord Howe Island further south. This will supplement information gained from observations from the eastern shores of the Australian mainland.

Far to the north, only a few hundred miles from the Equator in Papua-New Guinea, more important research will be carried out.

Port Moresby

Magnetic and other geophysical observations will be made at Port Moresby, in Papua, cosmic ray observations at Lal, in New Guinea, and radiation observations at Rabaul, on the island of New Britain.

In addition, the regular and special observations made by weather stations in the Papua-New Guinea territory will contribute to the general fund of information.

Commenting on the overall plans for the International Geophysical Year, Professor Webster declares:

Interest has quickened in recent years in the rapid changes in the earth's magnetism, long distance radio reception and allied subjects.

From observations scientists are beginning to get an idea of what factors control these things and how they operate.

Real Progress

To make real progress in this research, however, it is necessary to make observations all simultaneously. They must be repeated again and again at comparatively short intervals over an extended period.

China Mail Special.

GERMANY PRODUCES FIRST PLANE FOR LUFTWAFFE



Cold Trouble On Polar Flights

Stockholm, Feb. 4.
Extremely low temperatures in the Arctic region, particularly west of Greenland, have caused engine trouble in DC-7 airliners on the Scandinavian Airline System's Polar route, it was learned here today.

The intense cold has congealed the oil in certain parts of the mechanism, and on two occasions caused the engines to stop.

SAS officials said that it was hoped to solve this problem soon and that DC-7s were not being taken off the Polar route.

However, he added, DC-7 pilots were instructed not to take off in very cold weather.

France-Press.

War Graves Commission Report

London, Feb. 5.
The Imperial War Graves Commission's task of providing permanent commemoration of the events of last November in Hungary, drew attention to a newspaper reporting the alleged "deportation" to China of 40,000 Hungarians.

Dr. Numez-Portuondo in a letter to the five-member Committee, which is investigating the events of last November in Hungary, drew attention to a newspaper reporting the alleged "deportation" to China of 40,000 Hungarians.

The Commission is now starting to concentrate on keeping memorials in good repair and beautifying sites.—China Mail Special.

'Deportation' Of Hungarians To China

New York, Feb. 4.
Dr. Emilio Numez-Portuondo (Cuba) today asked the special United Nations Hungary Committee to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible in order to prevent the alleged "deportation" to China of 40,000 Hungarians.

Dr. Numez-Portuondo in a letter to the five-member Committee, which is investigating the events of last November in Hungary, drew attention to a newspaper reporting the alleged "deportation" to China of 40,000 Hungarians.

He said it was necessary to take immediate steps to prevent the reported mass deportations to China.—Reuter.

TV JAMS VALETTA STREET

Valetta, Feb. 4.
Maltese jammed one of Valetta's narrow streets recently to watch the first TV programme ever seen on this island.

It was relayed from the island of Sicily, some 40 miles away.

Behind this step lies two and a half years' intensive ground-work by "ham" (amateur) enthusiasts, Mr. Frank Bonnici, a Maltese radio mechanic. For the past months, he has been experimenting with a home-made television set, receiving signals from places as far away as the Soviet Union, Germany, Britain, Holland, France and Switzerland.

He worked in strict secrecy, wanting to keep his experiments separate from any commercial speedup.

CLEAR RECEPTION

Working with Mr. Vella, the local agent of a well-known radio firm, Mr. Bonnici has co-ordinated his efforts with the development of Italian television in Sicily. The aim is to get clear and regular reception from a station not more than 85 miles from Malta's capital, Valetta.

"There is every possibility that, weather permitting, we in Malta shall have more than satisfactory reception when the two transmitting centres in southern Sicily are opened," Mr. Bonnici says. "At the moment, Mr. Vella and I are receiving programmes from a more distant station and the reception is very good already."

"A boon for television in Malta would be the installation of a relay station in Malta by the Government. This is an inexpensive and self-controlled station which will relay direct transmissions from Sicily to Malta."

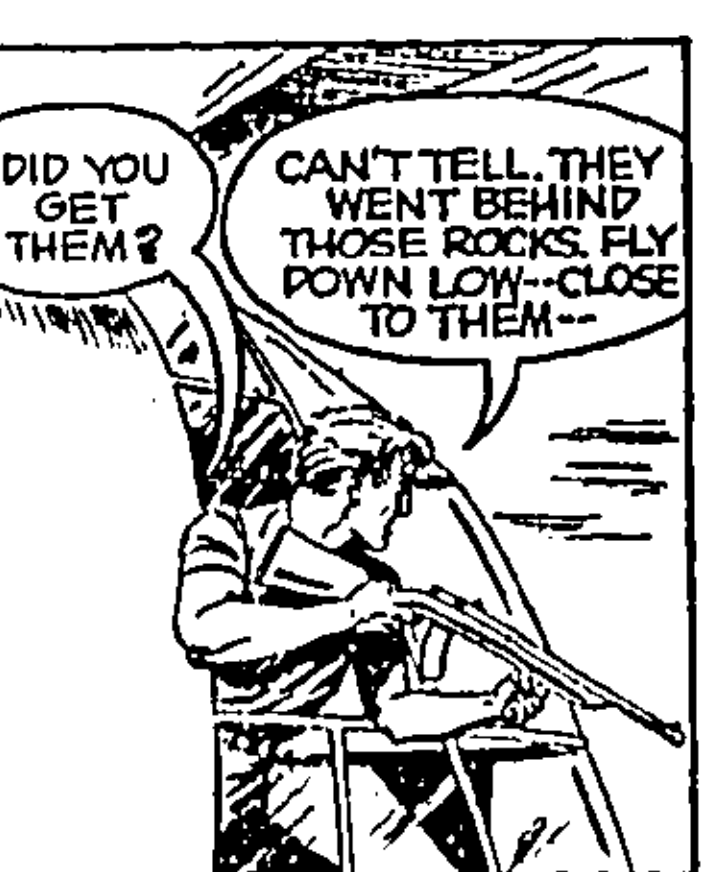
Reports indicate that the local Rediffusion service is interested in "piping" television programmes to the Maltese viewer.

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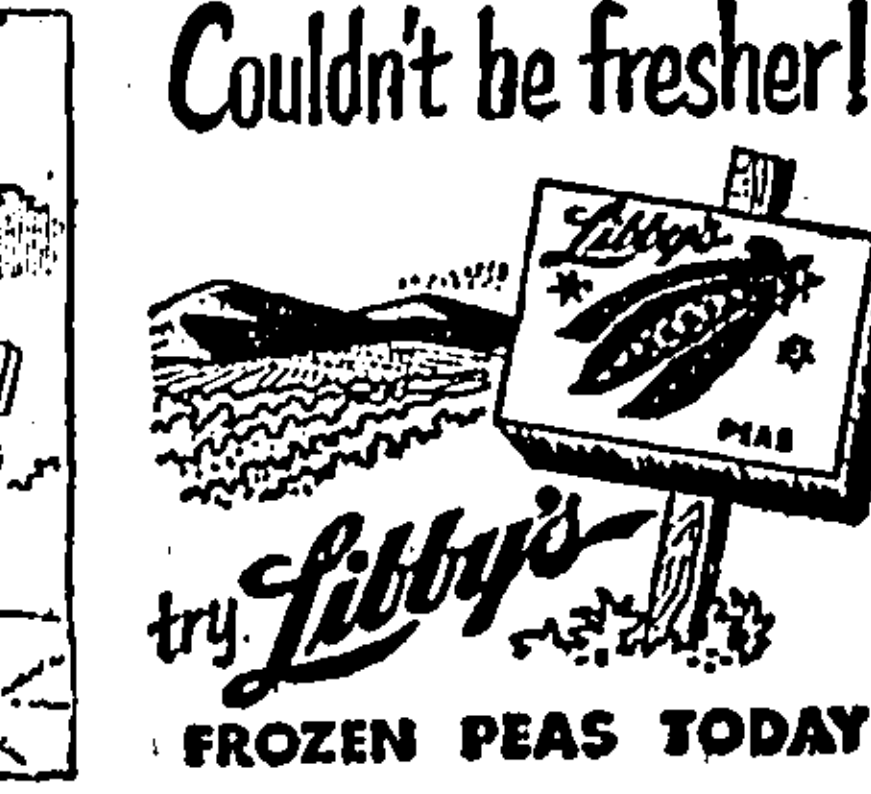
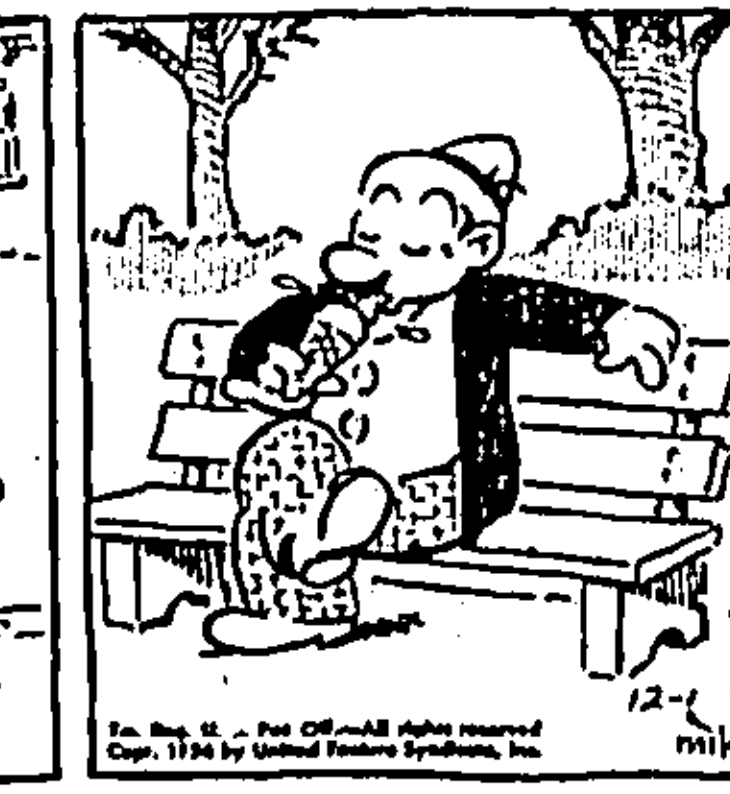
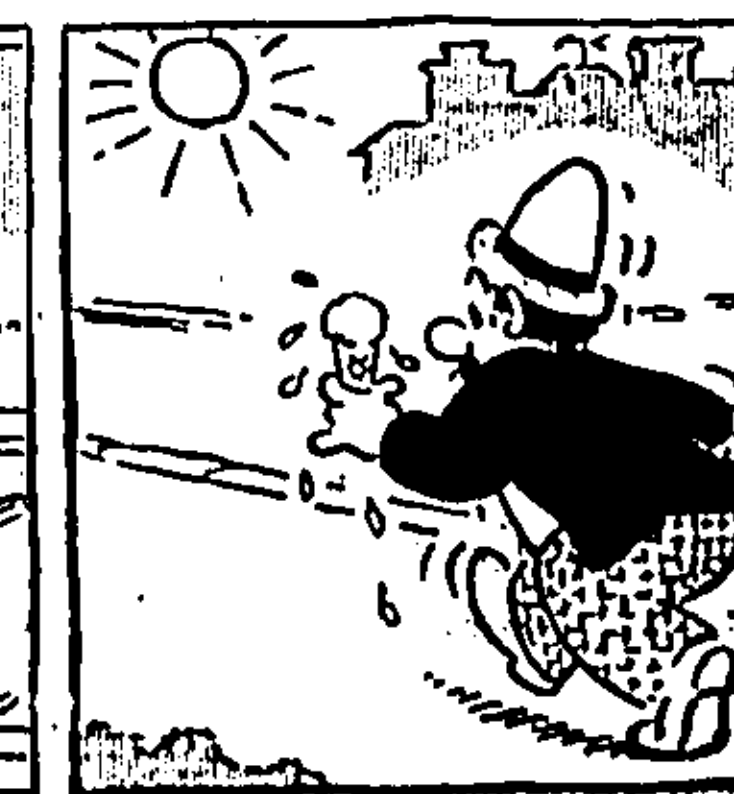
Among unhappy recipients of this report are the many local cinema proprietors, who feel that television will wound the death-knell of some of the smaller village cinemas in Malta. Their discomfiture is further increased by a report that a future local television service will include recorded programmes to boost the viewing time for Malta's anticipated viewers.

In nearby Sicily, two transmitting stations on the heights of Mount Pellegrino and Mount S. Angelo respectively, are already in operation, and work is nearing completion on two more stations, on Mount Lauro and Mount Cammarata. Commercial television sets on sale here will be able to pick up the Mount Lauro transmissions, when that station begins emissions.—China Mail Special.

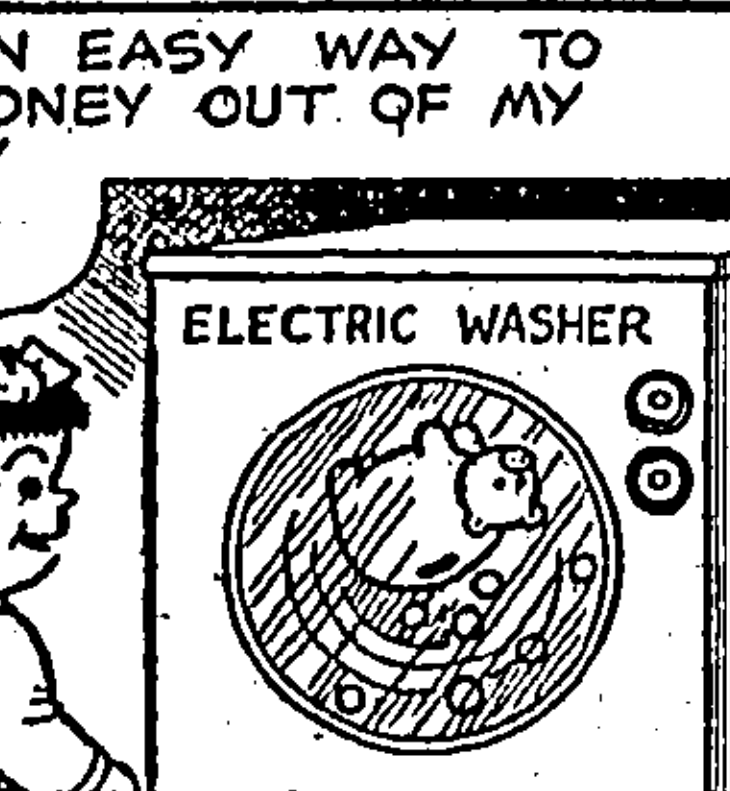
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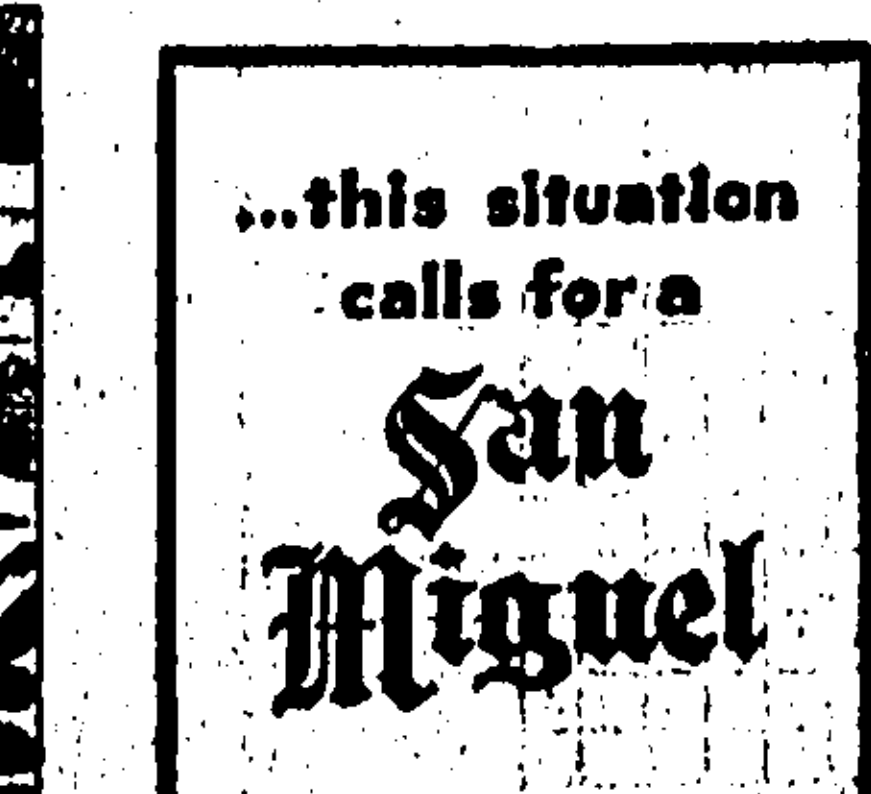
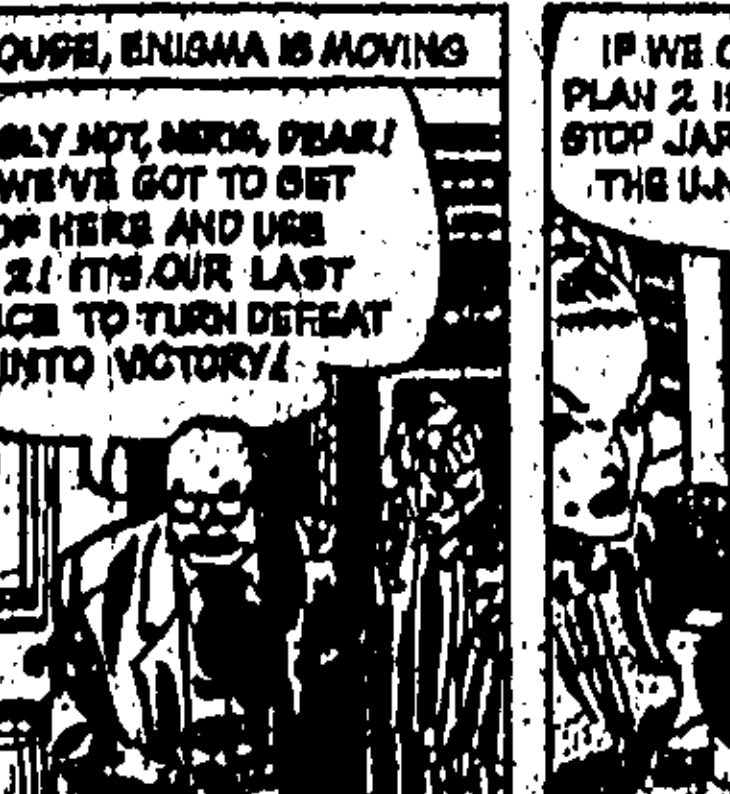
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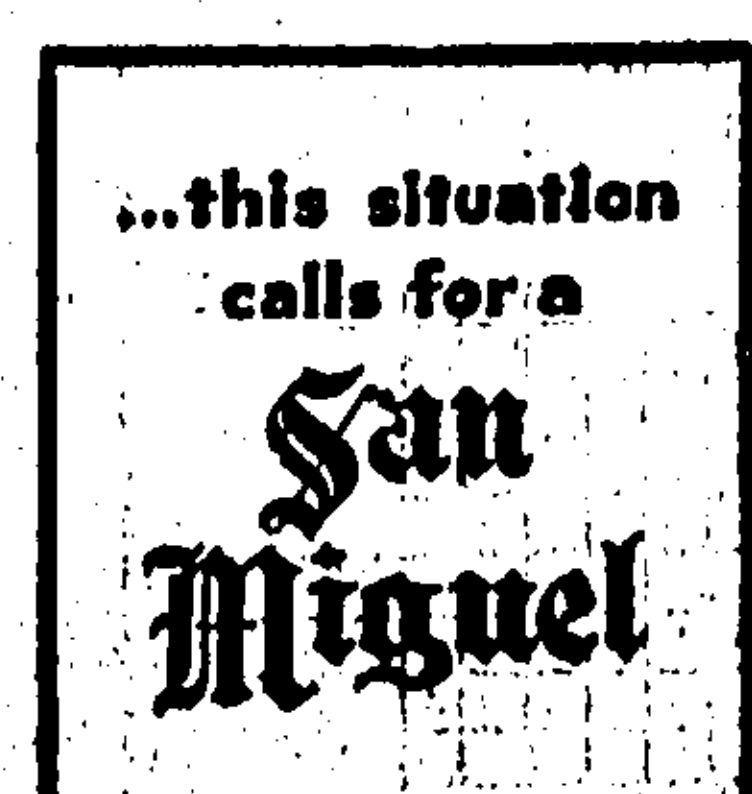
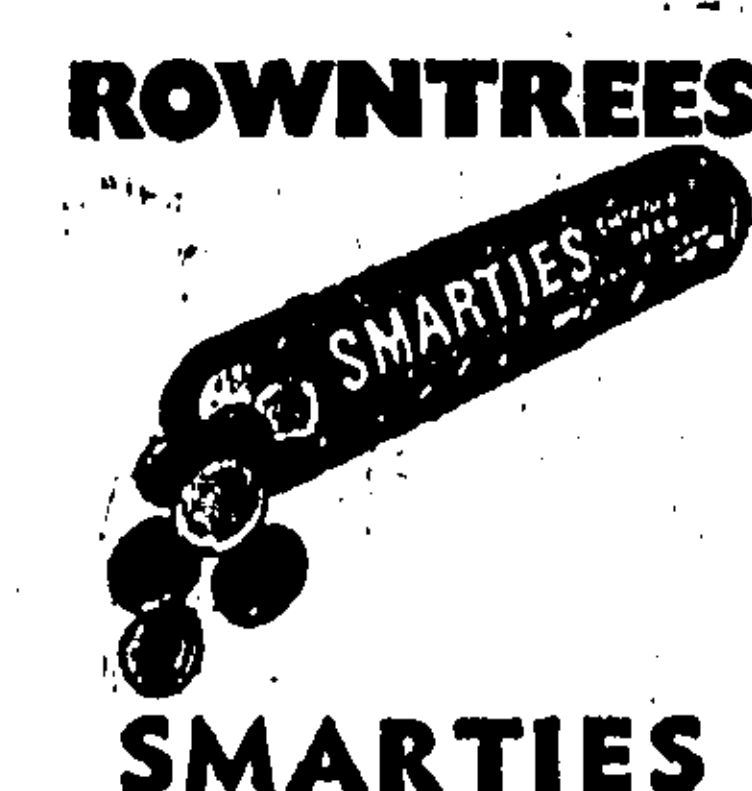
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By Frank Robbins



Bali Bosoms Not For Three-D

Penang, Feb. 5.
The bare-bosomed beauties of Bali will not figure in the three-D photo collection of retired American Air Force Colonel W. H. Bruggere.

Col Bruggere — accompanied by Mrs Bruggere — is taking his three-D camera to Bangkok instead to film temples.

Col Bruggere told reporters before leaving here: "We were advised by our travel agents to skip Bali because of the Indonesian situation."

"Besides we understand Bali women are now wearing brassieres,"—Reuter.

Nehru's Kashmir 'Statement' 'Completely Wrong'

Karachi, Feb. 4.
Pakistan's Law Minister, Sardar Amir Azim Khan said tonight that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, was "completely wrong" in declaring that Azad Kashmir had been incorporated into Pakistan.

The Minister returned to a speech made by Mr. Nehru in Madras on January 31, (Azad Kashmir is the portion of Kashmir State on the Pakistan side of the ceasefire line).

In an official statement the Minister said: "Kashmir is, and has always been an independent entity."

The Pakistan constitution made it clear beyond doubt that the question of Kashmir's accession remained to be decided, he added.—Reuter.

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